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July 18, 2008

Joseph G. Cordaro
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Dear Mr. Cordaro:

Enclosed is a National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Marine Mammal and Marine Turtle Stranding Report for a live elephant seal (*Mirounga angustirostris*) discovered in a recess between adjacent concrete tri-bars on the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) Intake Cove Breakwater. The elephant seal was discovered the afternoon of June 27, 2008, and appeared unable to move from the location on its own.

Personnel from the Marine Mammal Center successfully assisted the juvenile elephant seal back into the waters of the Intake Cove later that afternoon (June 27th) where it was free to exit to the Pacific Ocean. The elephant seal had an orange identification tag on the left rear flipper numbered 20072. Upon assist and release, the animal appeared unharmed with the exception of a few minor scrapes observed on the head.

Verbal notification of this incident was reported to NMFS on June 27, 2008, the day of discovery and release.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed report, or require additional information, please contact Jim Kelly of my staff at (805) 545-3194.

Sincerely,

James R. Becker
Site Vice President and Station Director

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Enclosure (1)

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MARINE MAMMAL AND MARINE TURTLE STRANDING REPORT

SID# _____
(NMFS USE)

FIELD NO.: _____ NMFS REGISTRATION NO. _____

COMMON NAME: Elephant Seal GENUS: Mirounga SPECIES: anquistrostris

EXAMINER

Name: Bryan K. Cunningham Agency: Pacific Gas & Electric Co Phone: (805) 545-4439

Address: DCPP P.O. Box 56, Avila Beach, CA 93424

LOCATION State: <u>CA</u> County: <u>San Luis Obispo</u> City: <u>Avila Beach</u> Locality Details: <u>9-Miles NW of Avila Beach - Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP). Intake Cove Break Water.</u> *Latitude: _____ N *Longitude: _____ W	TYPE OF OCCURRENCE Mass Stranding: (Yes) / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) # Animals <u>One (1)</u> Human Interaction: (Yes) / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) / (?) Check one: <u>1. Boat collision</u> _____ 2. Shot _____ 4. Fishery interaction _____ 5. Other How determined: _____ Other Causes (if known): <u>n/a</u>
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DATE OF INITIAL OBSERVATION: Yr <u>2008</u> Mo <u>06</u> Day <u>27</u> CONDITION: Check one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Alive _____ 2. Fresh dead _____ 3. Moderate decomp. _____ 4. Advanced decomp. _____ 5. Mummified _____ ? Unknown	DATE OF EXAMINATION: Yr <u>2008</u> Mo <u>06</u> Day <u>27</u> CONDITION: Check one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Alive _____ 2. Fresh dead _____ 3. Moderate decomp. _____ 4. Advanced decomp. _____ 5. Mummified _____ ? Unknown
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LIVE ANIMAL - Condition and Disposition: Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Released at site or more: _____ 2. Sick _____ 3. Injured _____ 4. Died _____ 5. Euthanized _____ 6. Rehabilitated and released _____ ? Unknown Transported to: <u>n/a</u> (Died) / (Released) Date: _____	TAGS APPLIED?: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) TAGS PRESENT?: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Dorsal</td> <td>Left</td> <td>Right</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tag No.(s):</td> <td>_____</td> <td><u>20072</u></td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Color(s):</td> <td>_____</td> <td><u>Orange</u></td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Type:</td> <td>_____</td> <td><u>Rear</u></td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Placement</td> <td>_____</td> <td><u>Front/Rear</u></td> <td><u>Front/Rear</u></td> </tr> </table>		Dorsal	Left	Right	Tag No.(s):	_____	<u>20072</u>	_____	Color(s):	_____	<u>Orange</u>	_____	Type:	_____	<u>Rear</u>	_____	Placement	_____	<u>Front/Rear</u>	<u>Front/Rear</u>
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CARCASS - Disposition, check one: Check one: _____ 1. Left at site _____ 2. Buried _____ 3. Towed _____ 4. Sci. collection (see below) _____ 5. Edu. collection (see below) _____ 6. Other _____ _____ ? Unknown NECROPSIED? (Yes) / (No)	MORPHOLOGICAL DATA: Sex - Check one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Male _____ 2. Female _____ ? Unknown Straight Length: <u>48</u> (cm) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (in) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (est) *Weight: <u>45</u> (kg) / (lb) / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (est?) PHOTOS TAKEN? (Yes) / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)
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REMARKS: This was a Juvenile Elephant Seal apparently unable to move itself from a recessed location on a breakwater. The Marine Mammal Center (MMC) was requested to investigate and assist the animal as necessary. Direct observation and all handling was performed by MMC personnel. Age and sex assessment (Juvenile Male) and length/weight estimates were completed by MMC personnel and provided to the listed examiner.

DISPOSITION OF TISSUE/SKELETAL MATERIAL: _____