

**EXHIBIT A – FINDINGS  
DRC2014-00095 CALTRANS**

*CEQA*

- A. Caltrans, as the lead agency, had issued a Categorical Exemption Class 1 pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21084, for the purpose of compliance with CEQA.

*Minor Use Permit*

- B. The proposed project or use is consistent with the San Luis Obispo County General Plan and Local Coastal Plan because the use is an allowed use consistent with the allowed uses and as proposed is consistent with all of the General Plan and Local Coastal Plan policies.
- C. The proposed project or use satisfies all applicable provisions of Title 23 of the County Code and the Local Coastal Plan.
- D. The establishment and subsequent operation or conduct of the use will not, because of the circumstances and conditions applied in the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the general public or persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the use, or be detrimental or injurious to property or improvements in the vicinity of the use.
- E. The proposed project or use will not be inconsistent with the character of the immediate neighborhood nor contrary to its orderly development because the project will increase operational standards of the existing Highway 1 at Sheridan Road, and also a majority of the eucalyptus trees will remain along the northern roadway between Sheridan Road and Ralcoa Way.
- F. The proposed project or use will not generate a volume of traffic beyond the safe capacity of all roads providing access to the project, either existing or to be improved with the project because the project is located on Highway 1, which is constructed to a level able to handle any additional traffic associated with the project

*Coastal Access*

- G. The proposed use is in conformity with the public access and recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act, because there are vertical and lateral coastal accesses located at the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA).

*Air Quality*

- H. The proposed project will not create a new source of air pollutants nor contribute to the increase of particulate matters originating from the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) because the trees removed are the most inward rows, downwind from the prevailing southeasterly wind. Recognizing the existing concern with particulate matter in the vicinity, Caltrans has donated to a conservation program in the zone most impacted by the particulate matter. The recipient program, Kathleen Canyon Overlook Conservation Park involves dune vegetation stabilization and restoration and is managed by The Land Conservancy.