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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) CIVIL CASE NO. 02-00022

Plaintiff,

vs.

GOVERNMENT OF GUAM,

Defendant.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BI-WEEKLY
PROGRESS REPORT

The Department of Public Works (DPW), by and through the Office of the Attorney General, files the attached bi-weekly report with attachment thereto, pursuant to the Consent Decree Order (*see* Docket No. 464), dated July 15, 2009.

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1 The attached report outlines the progress on the mitigation of the endangered *Partula*
2 *Radiolata* known as the Pacific Tree Snail located in the Ylig River Bridge construction site.

3 Respectfully submitted this 7th day of December, 2009.

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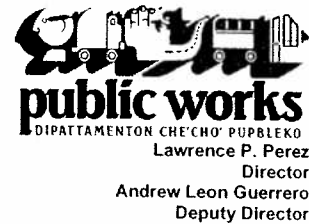
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Bi-Weekly Snail Mitigation Report Ylig River Bridge Project

USA v. Government of Guam,
District Court of Guam Civil Case No. 02-0022

FHWA Project No. GU-NH004(104)

December 07, 2009

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the Order of the District Court of Guam, dated July 15, 2009, the Guam Department of Public Works Division of Highways (“DPW”) hereby submits the following bi-weekly report. The purpose of this report is to advise on the progress being made to address the mitigation of the endangered *Partula Radiolata* (Pacific Tree Snail) at the Ylig River Bridge construction site.

STATUS UPDATE

1. Status of Snail Mitigation Plan:

a. As previously reported, the Snail Mitigation Plan was finalized and submitted to the Department of Agriculture, Division of Aquatic & Wildlife Resources (DAWR) on October 6, 2009 for approval and permitting. Comments were received from DAWR and have been addressed. DPW is presently waiting for DAWR to issue a final approval of the Snail Mitigation Plan.

b. DPW has submitted a proposal for the relocation of the Ylig snails to the private property owner of the site that was identified by the field surveys to be the best suitable habitat. DPW has additionally identified a nearby strip of publically-owned land that could potentially be used as a “back-up” relocation site. A habitat suitability survey of the back-up site is currently being conducted and the results should be known by sometime next week.

2. Next Steps:

The following tasks are planned:

a. Obtain final approval of the Snail Mitigation Plan from DAWR.

- b. Conclude discussions with the private property landowner of the identified best suitable site and enter into an agreement concerning the relocation of the Ylig snails to the private property.
- c. Complete a survey and field study of the area of public land recently identified as a back-up site so as to determine if the land is a suitable habitat for the Ylig snails.
- d. Determine the relocation site for the Ylig snails after considering all factors, including location and availability.
- e. Obtain any necessary permits or approvals from DAWR for the removal of the snails from the Ylig Bridge site to the relocation site.
- f. Secure any other necessary property rights, approvals, or agreements regarding the relocation site.
- g. Begin and engage in relocating the Ylig snails pursuant to approved methodology and procedures.

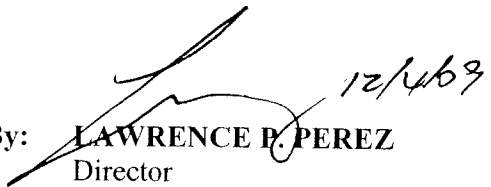
3. **Deadlines and Timelines:**

The design phase of the Ylig Bridge project continues to progress and is on schedule. Additionally, because construction is not scheduled to begin until sometime in Summer 2010, the snails may continue to safely remain at the Ylig Bridge site until then.

Assuming the successful implementation of the snail mitigation plan, and barring any other unexpected contingencies, the anticipated date for completing the design of the Ylig River Bridge replacement project and for commencing construction continues to remain approximately February 2011 (allowing one lane of traffic for haul trucks). In the

meantime, deadlines and timelines detailing the specifics of the snail mitigation plan continue to be developed as discussed above.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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