

MINUTE ITEM

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5. PUBLIC AGENCY PERMIT TO CONDUCT UNDERWATER EXPLOSIVE DETONATIONS IN MONO LAKE, LAKE COUNTY; DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, U. S. NAVAL ORDNANCE LABORATORY - W.O. 7209, P.R.C. 4153.9.

After consideration of Calendar Item 16 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, U. S. NAVAL ORDNANCE LABORATORY, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE, OF A PERMIT TO CONDUCT EXPERIMENTS INVOLVING THE DETONATION OF EXPLOSIVES UNDERWATER FROM JUNE 1, 1969, TO OCTOBER 31, 1969, ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

THIS AUTHORIZATION IS CONTINGENT UPON APPLICANT FURNISHING WRITTEN APPROVAL FOR THE TESTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME.

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PUBLIC AGENCY PERMIT

APPLICANT: Department of the Navy, U S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory
LOCATION: Mono Lake, Mono County
PROPOSED USE: Use of an area of Mono Lake as a test site for experiments involving underwater explosives
TERMS: Initial period: 5 months, from June 1 to October 31, 1969
CONSIDERATION: No charge (the national defense)

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

Application has been made to the Department of Fish and Game for approval of the tests

Applicant is permittee of upland

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- a. Public Resources Code: Div. 6, Pt. 2, Ch. 1, Secs. 6501-6509
- b. Administrative Code: Title 2, Div. 3, Secs. 2000-2011
- c. Commission policy: Minute Item 18 of November 18, 1959

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The Commission approved a similar permit to the Office of Naval Research in December 1964. The applicant states that Mono Lake is the only site that fits its requirements for the experiment program.

The site requirements are:

1. A large body of water with sufficient depth (about 100 feet) near shore
2. The water surface must be almost glassy smooth for relatively long periods
3. The area must be isolated enough to permit firing charges weighing up to 0.5 tons without danger to life or property
4. A low fish and game population

The explosives will be nonnuclear, and will not leave a harmful residue. The applicant asserts that standard safety procedures will be used to protect their own personnel and others. The test site is about six miles from the Mono Marina. Boats will

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patrol the area to prevent pleasure craft from entering the danger area. The area would be denied to pleasure boat use for a period of about two hours on days when a shot is fired (about two days per week). No roadblocks or other restrictions will be necessary except in the immediate vicinity of the work area during operations.

The actual firing is planned during the months of July and August. The five-month permit is requested to allow for contingencies.

EXHIBITS: A. Legal description B. Location map

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Attachment: Exhibit "A"

EXHIBIT "A"

A rectangular parcel of land, 7000 feet in width, 3500 feet on either side of the following described centerline:

BEGINNING at a point in Mono Lake that bears North $66^{\circ} 09' 02''$ East 11,889.53 feet from U.S.C. & G.S. triangulation station LAKE, said point of beginning having Zone 3, California Coordinate System coordinates $X = 2,434,000$ and $Y = 526,900$; thence South $15^{\circ} 00'$ East to a point on the Low Water Mark of Mono Lake, containing 915 acres more or less.