

MINUTE ITEM

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27, BAIR ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AGREEMENT; PRC 4894.9.

Calendar Item 27 attached, was pulled prior to the Commission Meeting.

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BAIR ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AGREEMENT

As an adjunct to Boundary and Exchange Agreement No. 141, the State Lands Commission and Mobil Oil Estates (Bair Island Investments) Ltd. agreed that the State would assemble an interagency task force to study an 800 acre portion of Bair Island within Redwood City, San Mateo County. The study area is shown on Exhibit "A", on file with the State Land's Commission.

The purpose of the study was to identify portions of the area which would be appropriate for future donation to the State.

The report has been completed. Wildlife inventories, soil core samples, vegetation studies, elevations taken have been discussed in the report. A ranking of areas has been submitted by the task force members and key areas identified in priority order. The State is to receive a minimum of 60 acres. However, the area and final size of the donation is at Mobil's discretion.

The City of Redwood City has expressed grave concerns as they feel the report may, through further wildlife protection, erode the tax base of a local improvement district. The City also desires to establish a final acquisition line on Bair Island for all donations or mitigation acquisitions by Federal, State or regional agencies. A detailed letter from the City listing their concerns has been added to the report. Although they do not wish to endorse the report, the City has indicated that they recognize the State's existing contractual rights to the donation.

In light of the City's concern and in an effort to achieve harmony with local and regional planning, the staff recommends that the actual donation and transfer of lands to the State be postponed until 6 months after the conclusion of a pending Special Area Study by B.C.D.C. of adjoining lands is completed. Initial meetings of the Special Area Study have been held and the Division is one of the B.C.D.C. member representatives.

EXHIBIT: A. Site Map.

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. APPROVE THE BAIR ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT.
2. AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF THE TIME PERIOD FOR DONATION BY MOBIL TO A TIME 6 MONTHS AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE SPECIAL AREA PLAN OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, OR IN NO EVENT BEYOND JANUARY 1, 1980.
3. AUTHORIZE THE STAFF OF THE STATE LANDS DIVISION AND/OR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TAKE ALL FURTHER STEPS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS MATTER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH MOBIL, REDWOOD CITY AND OTHERS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE LANDS TO BE DONATED.