

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 25
was approved as Minute Item
No. 25 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 2/23/78
meeting.

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25. EMERGENCY PERMIT; DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME; FRC 5444.

During consideration of Calendar Item 25 attached, Mr. James Leiby, Chief of Operations, Department of Fish and Game, explained the reasons for their request and assured the Commission that the blasting would be done with ammonia nitrate which is a safer substance than dynamite.

Upon motion duly made by Commission-attorney Sid McCausland and seconded by Ms. Betty Jo Smith, the resolution as presented in Calendar Item 25 was passed 3-0 by the following vote.

Chairman CoryAye
Ms. SmithAye
Mr. McCausland...Aye

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EMERGENCY PERMIT

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The Department of Fish and Game is requesting to use explosives at Mono Lake to remove a land bridge that has formed between the mainland and Neget Island. The island is the nesting place for the State's largest colony of California Gulls. The land bridge has only recently emerged because of the receding water level of Mono Lake due to diversions by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Removal of the bridge will protect the Gulls from land predators.

The work will be performed by the National Guard before April, the arrival date for the nesting gulls. The area actually removed will be approximately 100 feet and 6 inches deep.

This activity is an emergency project pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21060.3. A Notice of Exemption has been filed by the Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 15074(c) of Title 14 of the California Administrative Code.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT AN EIR IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS IT IS AN EMERGENCY AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21060.3.
2. FIND THAT GRANTING OF THE PERMIT WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT UPON ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6370.1, OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE.
3. AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO USE EXPLOSIVES TO REMOVE A LAND BRIDGE IN THE BED OF MONO LAKE.

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