

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 39
was approved as Minute Item
No. 39 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 5/29/80
meeting.

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39.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT

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In continuation of the Owens Dry Lake Task Force investigation of the source and potential control of fugitive dust from the dry lake bed, it will be necessary to secure soil samples and water quality data on the lake bed. A permit from the State Lands Commission will be required for this activity.

The Task Force has completed aerial photographic interpretation of surficial soil types and geomorphic patterns and is currently attempting to provide ground control (survey) for the location of 50-100, ten-foot soil samples and water table and quality measurements. Upon analysis of these samples, the data will be transmitted to a consulting firm experienced in the use of new salt tolerant and drought resistant plant materials. Several test plots would then be established to determine the feasibility and adaptability of recommended plants. The collection of the field soil samples will be accomplished with task force members and personnel from the federally-funded CETA (Corporate Employment Training Act) Program. Soil and water samples will be analyzed without charge by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Consultant services will be contingent upon the approval of S.B. 1591, an appropriation of \$250,000 to fund a program to study the control of fugitive dust generated from the bed of Owens Dry Lake.

An EIR is not required for the proposed geological survey. This transaction is within the purview of 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2907, Class 6(A), which exempts minor core sampling operations for the purpose of gathering information and data for environmental documentation.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH REPORT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF P.R.C. 21085 AND 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15100 ET. SEQ. AND 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2907.
2. AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE TO THE OWENS DRY LAKE TASK FORCE OF A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 1980, THROUGH APRIL 30, 1981, ON SOVEREIGN LANDS IN OWENS LAKE, INYO COUNTY; IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS PUBLIC BENEFIT.

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