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This Calendar Item No. 29  
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No. 29 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3  
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APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO  
GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY PERMIT PRC 7267  
FOR STATE-OWNED TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS IN  
THE SACRAMENTO DELTA AREA OF SACRAMENTO,  
CONTRA COSTA, SAN JOAQUIN, AND SOLANO COUNTIES

PERMITTEE: CGG American Services, Inc.  
Attn: Mr. Rick Woodward  
200 North Westlake Boulevard, Suite 205  
Westlake Village, California 91362

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:  
Tide and submerged lands in the waterways  
crossed by all 14 survey lines.

LAND USE:  
Increase the number of survey lines from 11  
totalling 142.5 miles to 14 totalling 179  
miles, crossing private uplands and State-owned  
waterways in the Sacramento Delta area of  
Solano, Contra Costa, Sacramento counties.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:

Initial period: November 1, 1988 through  
December 31, 1990.

Bond: Applicant has submitted a  
performance bond of \$25,000  
in favor of the State.

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PROPOSED PROJECT:

CGG American Services, Inc. has proposed to conduct a geophysical seismic survey in the Sacramento Delta area of Solano, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Sacramento counties. The survey will be performed using 14 lines totalling approximately 179 miles as shown in the accompanying map of Exhibit "A". The survey lines will cross privately owned uplands and portions of State-owned waters. Approximately 5,800 four-inch-diameter holes will be drilled on 165-foot centers to a depth of 50-100 feet. The holes may be loaded with a five-pound explosive charge and/or geophone instrumentation. The holes will be sealed by backfilling with bentonite.

CGG is coordinating this project with all the affected land owners, trustee agencies, such as the Department of Fish and Game and Reclamation districts, and other permitting and responsible local agencies listed in Attachment "D" of the original Negative Declaration EIR ND 447, certified by the Commission on December 13, 1988 (see Exhibit "B").

Special operating conditions have been developed by the Reclamation Districts and the Department of Fish and Game to eliminate any hazard to the levees, wildlife, and habitat crossed by the survey line. The conditions are reflected in the survey as proposed. Special permits and monitoring of the operations by Department of Fish and Game personnel will be required for sensitive areas as determined by the Department.

The Applicant has submitted evidence that all responsible agencies will issue necessary permits (Exhibit "C"). The amended permit will provide that no operations under the permit may be initiated without first filing copies of all required permits. The geophysical information to be acquired is for the use of the oil and gas industry and may benefit the State as an aid in development of the State's resources from adjacent private lands.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. P.R.C. 6826
- B. 14 Cal. Code Regs.: Title 2, Article 2.9, Section 15250, et seq.
- C. P.R.C. 21080.5 and CEQA Guidelines, Section 15250, et seq.

AB 884: 08/04/90.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. On December 13, 1988, the Commission certified that a Negative Declaration identified as EIR ND 447, State Clearinghouse No. 88092603, was prepared and circulated for public review pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and that it had reviewed and considered the information contained therein. The Commission further determined that the project, as approved, would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Subsequent to the Commission's adoption of the ND, the project description was modified as proposed in this amendment. Upon receipt of the modified description, staff consulted with all reviewing agencies and individuals which reviewed said ND. Based upon these consultations, staff believes that the scope and analysis of the ND remains germane to and adequate for proposed amended project and, therefore, determines that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. (14 Cal. Code Regs 15074[b].)

2. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description.
- B. Location Map.
- C. CGG Letter Regarding Local Permits.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE COMMISSION, ON DECEMBER 13, 1988, ADOPTED EIR ND NO. 447, AND THAT STAFF HAS CONSULTED WITH ALL APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS WITH REGARD TO PROJECT MODIFICATIONS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED SUBSEQUENT TO CERTIFICATION OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THIS PROJECT (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 88092603), AND DETERMINED THAT SAID DOCUMENT IS GERMANE TO AND ADEQUATE FOR THE AMENDED PROJECT AS PROPOSED.

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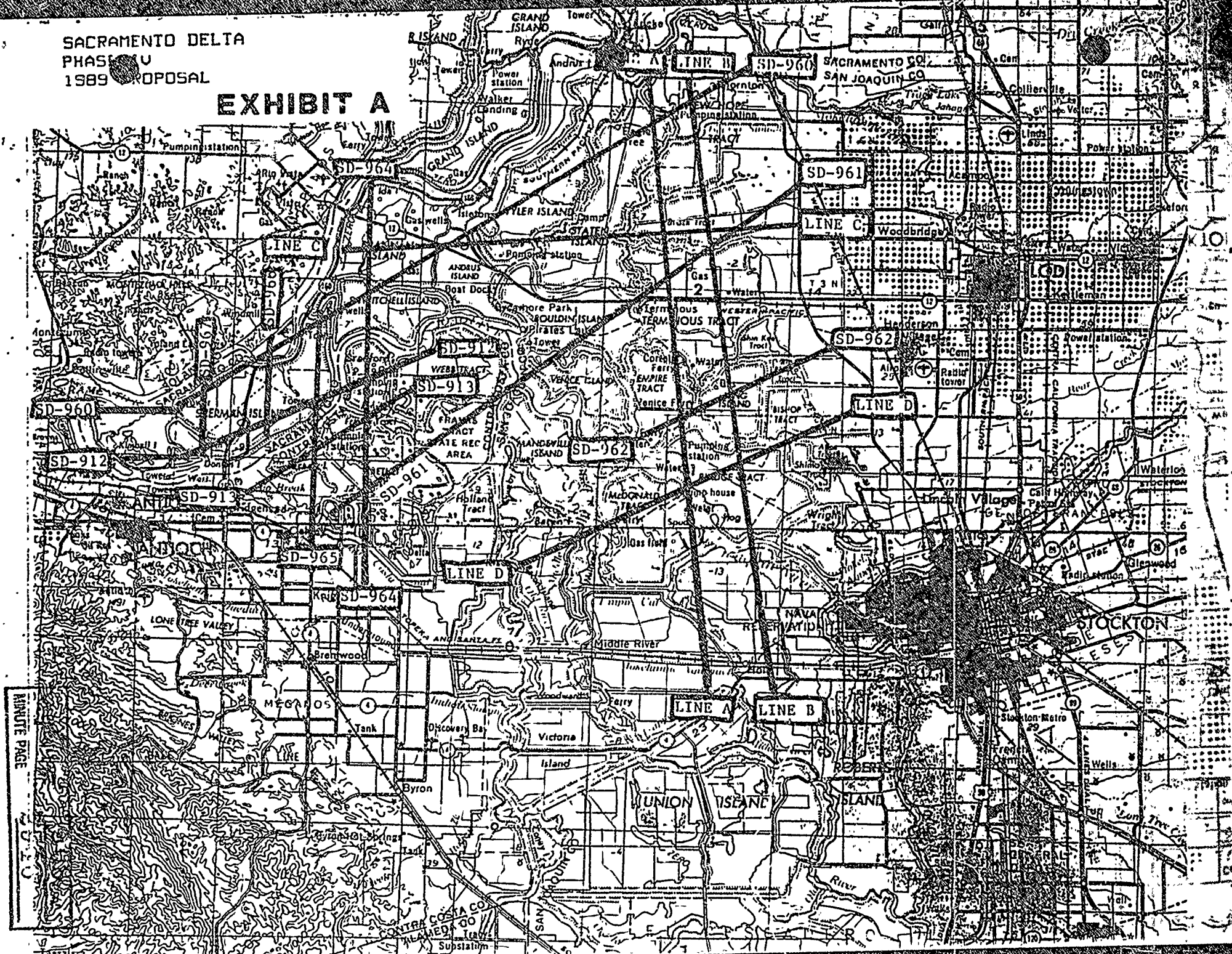
- OTHER PERMITTING AGENCIES
2. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT, AS APPROVED, WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
  3. AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT OF GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY PERMIT PRC 7267 TO EXTEND THE TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1990 AND PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL SURVEY LINES ON STATE-OWNED TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS IN THE SACRAMENTO DELTA AREA OF SACRAMENTO, CONTRA COSTA, AND SOLANO COUNTIES, AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT "A".

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EXHIBIT A



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EXHIBIT B

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - STATE LANDS COMMISSION

GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, Governor

STATE LANDS COMMISSION  
1807 13TH STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814



PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION



File Ref.: W 6005.12

SCH#: 8809 2603

**Project Title:** CGG Sac Delta Phase 4 Geophysical Survey

**Project Proponent:** CGG Land Seismic

**Project Location:** Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta, Solano, Contra Costa, Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties.

**Project Description:** CGG proposes eleven seismic lines totaling 142.5 miles to determine location of natural gas deposits. The "down-hole" and "mini-hole" methods will be employed with explosive charges and phonyx phones or geophones.

**Contact Person:** Dan Cohen, Environmental Specialist Telephone: (916) 324-8497

This document is prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000 et seq., Public Resources Code), the State CEQA Guidelines (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Administrative Code), and the State Lands Commission regulations (Section 2901 et seq., Title 2, California Administrative Code).

Based upon the attached Initial Study, it has been found that:

the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

mitigation measures included in the project will avoid potentially significant effects.

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EXHIBIT B

EXHIBIT C  
STATE LANDS COMMISSION  
1301 3TH STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814



CGG PROPRIETARY DATA  
CGG AMERICAN SERVICES, INC.

June 5, 1989

State Lands Commission  
245 West Broadway, Suite 425  
Long Beach, CA 90802-4471

Attn: Mr. Art Nitshe

Ladies and Gentlemen:

RE: Geophysical Permit PRC 7267.9

CGG wishes to extend the term of its current Geophysical Permit until December 31, 1990, and to amend the permit to reflect changes in the location of some of its seismic lines.

The procedure for collecting the seismic data will remain the same as outlined in the Negative Declaration. All interested government agencies will be notified of the changes, and CGG will not proceed without their approval.

A list of the agencies to be contacted is as follows.

- Department of Fish and Game
- Department of Water Resources
- Department of the Army
- United States Coast Guard
- San Joaquin County Health Department
- San Joaquin County Sheriff-Coroner
- Contra Costa Fire Department
- Solano County Fire Warden
- Department of Public Works San Joaquin County
- Department of Public Works Sacramento County
- Department of Public Works Contra Costa County
- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- California State Department of Transportation

Many of these agencies were contacted as a part of the original permit process, and have given general approval to our type of operation. I have included copies of those letters.

Copies of the permits or letters of authorization obtained from the other agencies will be forwarded to your office as they are received.

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WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CALIFORNIA  
91362  
805 496-4311  
FAX 805 497-7127

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CGG recognizes the special concerns of the Department of Fish and Game, and will seek their specific approval for the changes in our project, and coordinate all field activities through their office.

Enclosed within is a copy of two maps. The first outlining our original line placement and the second indicating the changes requested. The 1989 map illustrates our complete survey, with all line changes and deletions.

Our project is quite extensive, and we will begin operations as soon as the necessary permits and authorizations are secured. In order to accommodate the environmental, agricultural, and permit concerns specific to the California Delta Region, it is anticipated that CGG will require the full term of this permit to complete its project.

Thank you for your help in moving our project forward. If there is a need for any further information, please contact me at (209) 367-1897 or (805) 496-4311.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James F. Prossick".

James F. Prossick  
CGG Permit Agent

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Enclosures

PC: Mr. Dwight Sanders, State Lands Commission  
Ms. Patricia Perkins, Department of Fish & Game  
Mr. Rollin Dalzer, CGG American Services Inc.

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