MINUTE ITEM This Calendar Item No. <u>(19)</u> was approved as Minute Item No. <u>19</u> by the State Lands Complision by a vote of <u>2</u> to <u>a</u> at its <u>12-12-50</u> meeting.

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APPROVE A NON-EXCLUSIVE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION

APPLICANT: Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Attn: Lee Bafalon P. O. Box 6917 Ventura, CA 93006

TERMS:

The term of the Non-exclusive Geological Survey Permit is three years.

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PRFREQUISITE ITEMS.

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Required statutory filing fee, expense deposit and performance bond have been received.

STATUTORY REFERENCE:

- A. P.R.C. Section 6826.
- B. Cal. Code Regs., Title 2,
- Section 2905(e)(3).
- C. Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Section 15061.

AB 884: 06/08/91.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The geological surveys authorized under the terms of the permit are for the purpose of obtaining shallow samples of the seafloor for geotechnical information. The data obtained is used in the design of offshore structures (pipelines, marine terminals, platforms, piers etc.) and in the technical and environmental analyses of offshore oil and gas operations.

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The shallow samples are obtained using nonrotary techniques (dart, jet, percussion, grab) from a self-contained vessel. The vessel is typically no larger than fishing boats used in the Samta Barbara Channel (50 to 150 feet in length, six-foot draft).

- 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.
- 3. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, Information Collection. The collection of data for information purposes where minimal or no disturbance of State lands is involved. 2 Cal. Code Regs 2905(e)(3).

Authority: P.R.C. 21084, 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15300, and 2 Cal. Cude Regs. 2905.

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EXHIBIT: A. Permit Regions.

- IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:
- 1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION UNDER 2 CAL. CODE REGS. 2905(e).
- 2. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1991 THROUH DECEMBER 31, 1994 WITHIN PERMIT REGIONS I, II, III AND IV AS DEFINED ON EXHIBIT "A".

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