

CALENDAR ITEM

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MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. 54
was approved as Minute Item
No. 54 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH
M & T STATEN RANCH AND STATE LANDS COMMISSION FOR
PURPOSES OF DEVELOPING A BERM RESTORATION PLAN
FOR THE SOUTH FORK OF THE MOKELUMNE RIVER

PARTIES:

M & T Staten Ranch
Attn: Jim Shanks and Sally Hearne
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Walnut Grove, California 95690

State Lands Commission
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AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

Tide and submerged land in the south fork of the Mokelumne
River adjacent to Staten Island, San Joaquin County.

LAND USE:

The proposed MOU would provide for development of a plan for
restoration of berms to preserve and restore riparian,
marsh, and aquatic habitats and provide levee protection.
Berm restoration would be accomplished by a combination of
structured and vegetative techniques. Implementation of the
plan, including any construction activities, would not be
provided for in the MOU which is the subject of this
calendar item, and would require separate Commission
approval.

TERM:

Two (2) years.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Parts 1 and 2; Div. 13.
- B. Cal. Code Regs.: Title 3, Div. 3; Title 14, Div. 6.

AB 884:
N/A

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The proposed MOU would authorize staff to work with M & T Staten Ranch to develop a berm restoration plan. The plan would be similar in intent to a project approved by the Commission on January 8, 1992. Staff has inspected that project and believes that berm restoration may represent a viable alternative to the use of barren riprap on levee faces to protect levee integrity, and also may prove successful in preserving and restoring fish and wildlife habitats which are fast disappearing throughout the Delta.
2. The precise boundary between the sovereign lands of the State and the private lands of M & T Staten Ranch has not been determined. Staff believes that it is in the best interests of the State to develop a plan that is beneficial to all parties by leading to both restoration of wildlife habitat and levee protection. In furtherance of these interests, the private parties and the Commission would develop the plan without prejudice to their respective land titles.

EXHIBIT:

- A. Location and Site Map

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

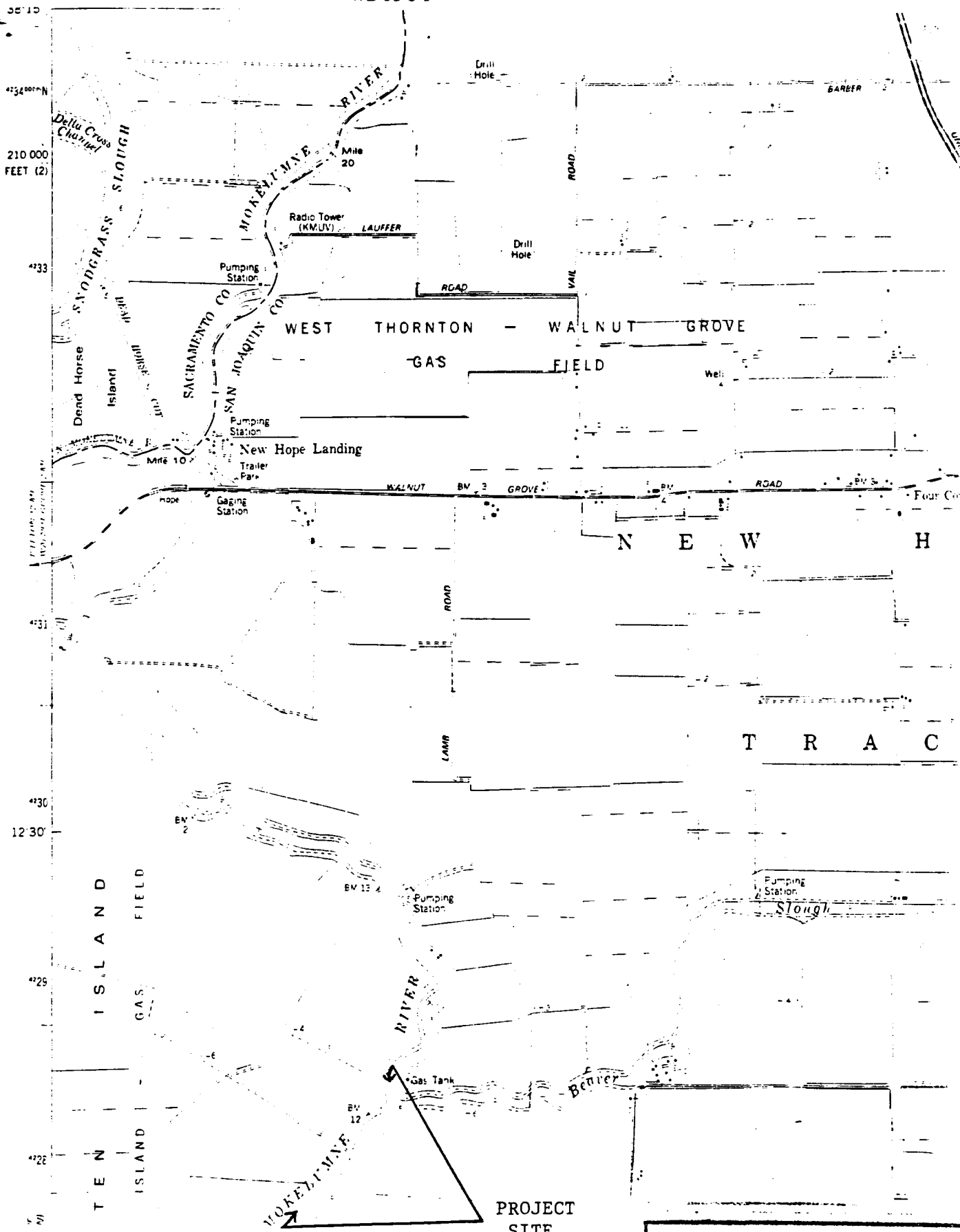
1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15378.

CALENDAR ITEM NO. 54 (CONT'D)

2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND M & T STATEN RANCH FOR PURPOSES OF DEVELOPING A BERM RESTORATION PLAN FOR THE SOUTH FORK OF THE MOKELUMNE RIVER ADJACENT TO STATEN ISLAND, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

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SITE MAP

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