

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C78 was approved as Minute Item No. 78 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 08/21/96 meeting.

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

APPLICANT:

Seafloor Surveys International, Inc.
Pier 69, 2727 Alaskan Way
Seattle, Washington 98121

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:

Initial period:
Three years beginning August 21, 1996 through August 20, 1999.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

Required fees, expense deposit and other security have been received.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

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

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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.

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The data obtained are 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.

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 Santa Barbara Channel (50 to 150 feet in length, six-foot draft).

2. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 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: Public Resources Code Section 21084, 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15300, and 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2905.

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, UNDER CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION, 2 CAL. CODE REGS. 2905(e)(3).

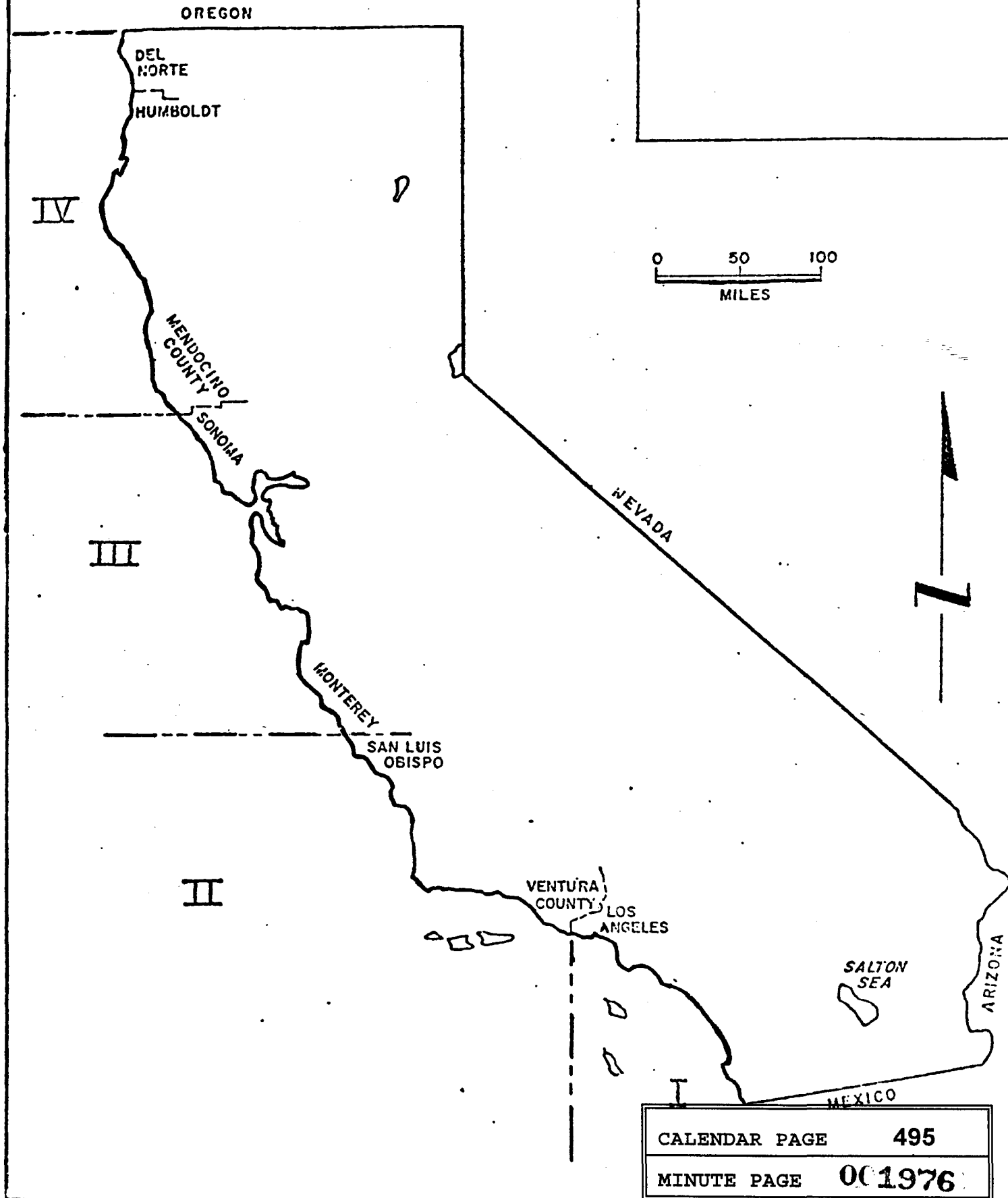
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2. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO SEAFLOOR SURVEYS INTERNATIONAL, INC., OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 21, 1996 THROUGH AUGUST 20, 1999 WITHIN PERMIT REGIONS I, II, III, AND IV AS DESIGNATED ON EXHIBIT "A".

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EXHIBIT "A"

PERMIT REGIONS



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