MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C22 was approved as
Minute Item No. 22 by the California State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its
6-14-99 meeting.

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GENERAL LEASE
PUBLIC AGENCY USE

LESSEE:
California Department of Fish and Game (DFG)
1416 Ninth Street, 12th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:
Sovereign lands located within the Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, Napa
and Solano Counties.

AUTHORIZED USE:
Management, operation and maintenance of sovereign lands in a manner
consistent with the acquisition purposes of wetland enhancement and/or
restoration, and protection and public use compatible with wetland habitat
protection.

LEASE TERM:
Forty-nine years, beginning July 1, 1999

CONSIDERATION:
Public use and benefit; with the State reserving the right at any time to set a
monetary rent if the Commission finds such action to be in the State's best
interest.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:
1.   At its March 8, 1994, meeting, the California State Lands Commission, as
Trustee of the Kapiloff Land Bank Fund, authorized the expenditure of
$500,000 toward the joint purchase of 10,000 acres of land known as the
Napa-Solano Wildlife Marshes Area as shown on Exhibit A. Other
contributors were The Shell Oil Spill Litigation Settlement Trustee
Committee, the California Wildlife Conservation Board and the California
Coastal Conservancy. It was determined at that time that the parcel

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purchased by the State Lands Commission would later be leased to the California Department of Fish and Game. This agreement also includes all sovereign interests within the Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area. The Department of Fish and Game is now requesting to take over management of the subject property.

2. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 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 13, acquisition of lands for wildlife conservation purposes; Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15313.

    Authority: Public Resources Code section 21065 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15378.

3. 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.

EXHIBIT:
    A.   Location and Site Map

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

    CEQA FINDING:
        FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 13, ACQUISITION OF LANDS FOR WILDLIFE PURPOSES; TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15313.

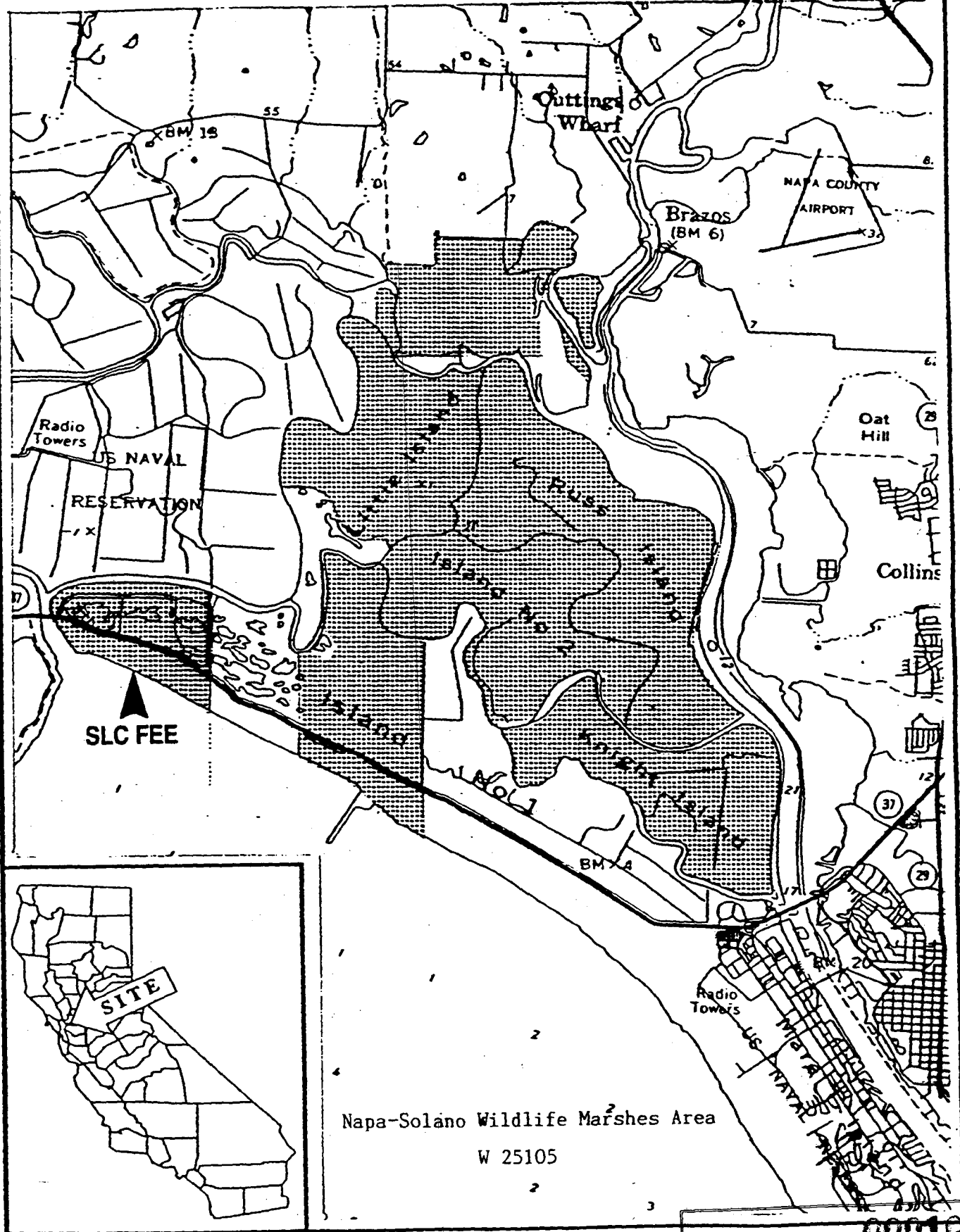<u>CALENDAR ITEM NO.</u> **C22** <u>(CONT'D)</u>

SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:
FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE
CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO
PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:
AUTHORIZE LEASE TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH
AND GAME OF A GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE,
BEGINNING JULY 1, 1999, FOR A TERM OF FORTY NINE YEARS, THE
LANDS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT A, FOR MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF SOVEREIGN LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE NAPA-
SONOMA MARSHES WILDLIFE AREA, IN A MANNER CONSISTENT
WITH THE ACQUISITION PURPOSES OF WETLAND ENHANCEMENT
AND/OR RESTORATION, AND PROTECTION AND PUBLIC USE
COMPATIBLE WITH WETLAND HABITAT PROTECTION FOR THE
NAPA-SOLANO WILDLIFE MARSHES AREA. CONSIDERATION
BEING THE PUBLIC USE AND BENEFIT, WITH THE STATE
RESERVING THE RIGHT AT ANY TIME TO SET A MONETARY RENT
IF THE COMMISSION FINDS SUCH ACTION TO BE IN THE STATE'S
BEST INTEREST.

EXHIBIT A

Napa-Solano Wildlife Marshes Area

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