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CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION (PARTY):

Calendar Item C59 was moved to the Regular Calendar and approved as presented.

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This Calendar Item No. C59 was approved as Minute Item No. 59 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 12-3-99 meeting.

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REQUEST DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SOLICIT BIDS, AWARD AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND DOCUMENTATION REGARDING COMPOSITION, HABITAT VALUE AND DISPOSITION OF SHELLMOUND AT THE SITE OF FORMER OIL PLATFORMS

PARTY:

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BACKGROUND

In August, 1994, the SLC authorized the removal by Chevron of four oil platforms, the "4 H's" from the Santa Barbara Channel. The permit authorizing removal required that the area beneath and in the vicinity of the platforms would be subject to a "trawl test" to assure that once the platforms were removed the area would be accessible to trawl fishermen. The tests were conducted but large mounds at the site of the former platforms snagged the nets; the area "failed" the test.

PROPOSED ACTIVITY

The Executive Officer requests delegation of authority to solicit proposals, award and execute agreement for consulting services related to preparation of environmental analysis and documentation of the composition, habitat value and disposition alternatives of ocean-floor shellmounds at the site of the former oil production platforms. A proposed consulting services contract scope of work is being developed jointly by the California Coastal Commission, State Lands Commission and Chevron. The contractor would determine the composition of the mounds, habitat value of the mounds and would explore various techniques for removal. The contractor would also attempt to ascertain the types of environmental impacts which would result from proposed methods of mound removal. The information would then be used by the various decision-makers to

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decide if and how the mounds should be removed. The scope of work is not for a CEQA document. If removal is selected as the preferred option, a CEQA document will be required.

The bid will be conducted consistent with procedures as specified in the State Contracts Manual and Public Contract Code. The method will be a Request for Proposal with the bid awarded to the firm scoring the highest point total based on predetermined evaluation criteria including price. All proposals and evaluations sheets will be available for public inspection at the Commission's Sacramento office. All costs are to be recovered from the Chevron.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

- A. Public Resources Code Section 6106 (Delegation of Authority)
- B. Public Resources Code Section 6218 (Fees for Services)
- C. Public Contract Code Section 10355 et seq. (Contracts for Consulting Services)
- D. State Contracts Manual (rev 10/98)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION FIND:

- 1. FIND THAT THESE ACTIVITIES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL CODE REGS. 15061 BECAUSE THESE ACTIVITIES ARE NOT PROJECTS AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND 14 CAL CODE REGS. 15378.
- 2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SOLICIT BIDS, AWARD AND EXECUTE CONTRACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.
- 3. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CHEVRON FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF STAFF AND CONSULTING COSTS IN PROCESSING APPLICATION AND PREPARING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION AND ANALYSIS.