MINUTE ITEM This Calendar Item No. 68 was approved as Minute Item No. 68 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 6 at its 8-19-03 meeting.

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PRC 8069

08/19/03 WP 8069.9 B. Young

AMENDMENT OF DREDGING LEASE

APPLICANT/LESSEE:

State of California Department of Transportation, District 3 P.O. Box 3700 Eureka, CA 95502-3700

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Legislative granted sovereign lands, with minerals reserved to the State, in the bed of the Noyo River, at Fort Bragg, Mendocino County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Dredge a maximum of 8,000 cubic yards of material for the replacement of the Noyo River Bridge. The dredged material will be disposed of at Albion Solid Waste Transfer Station, South Coast Landfill, city of Eureka Landfill, Chamberlain Creek CDF Station, and certified contaminated material or hazardous waste disposal sites

LEASE TERM:

Three years and seven months, beginning June 1, 1999.

CONSIDERATION:

The public health, safety, use and benefit; a royalty of \$0.25 per cubic yard will be charged for any dredged materials used for private benefit or commercial sale purposes.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Amend the existing lease to extend the expiration date of the lease to December 31, 2003, in order to complete the dredging operation. All other terms/conditions of the lease shall remain in effect without amendment.

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- 1. The Department of Transportation (Department) is in the process of replacing the Noyo River Bridge. As part of the bridge replacement project, the Department needs to dredge approximately 8,000 cubic vards of material from the Novo River in order to install the bridge footings.
- 2. On April 13, 1999, the Commission authorized the issuance of a dredging Lease to the Department. That lease expired on December 31, 2002. Due to unanticipated difficulties during dreding operations, the dredging has taken longer than the Department anticipated. In order to complete the dredging project, the Department has submitted an application to extend the term of the lease until December 31, 2003.
- 3. A Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for this project by the Department of Transportation. The California State Lands Commission's staff has reviewed such document.
- 4. A Mitigation Monitoring Program was adopted by the Department of Transportation.
- 5. 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.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

California Water Quality Control Board, U.S Army Corps of Engineers and California Department of Fish and Game

EXHIBIT:

Location and Site Map Α.

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE: N/A

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND A MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM WERE PREPARED AND ADOPTED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.

ADOPT THE MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, WHICH IS ON FILE AT THE OFFICE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION.

SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:

FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE THE AMENDMENT OF LEASE PRC 8069.9, A DREDGING LEASE, OF LANDS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2003, TO EXTEND THE LEASE EXPIRATION DATE TO DECEMBER 31, 2003; ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT WITHOUT AMENDMENT.

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