

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C31 was approved as Minute Item No. 31 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 2 to 0 at its 12-08-05 meeting.

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12/08/05
PRC 7763 WP 7763.9
M. Hays

DREDGING LEASE

APPLICANT:

Santa Barbara County Flood Control District
123 Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign lands in Goleta Slough and in the Pacific Ocean, offshore of Goleta Beach County Park, Santa Barbara County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

The continued periodic dredging of a sandbar located at the mouth of Goleta Slough, up to a maximum of 25,000 cubic yards (cy) of material annually; the periodic breaching of the mouth of Goleta Slough; and the disposal up to a maximum of 200,000 cy of sediment as beach replenishment into the surf zone east of the mouth of Goleta Slough and at the west end of Goleta Beach County Park, as shown on Exhibit A.

LEASE TERM:

Five years, beginning December 8, 2005.

CONSIDERATION:

No royalty will be charged as the project will result in a public benefit. The dredge material will not be sold.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. PRC 7763.9 was first authorized by the Commission on April 6, 1994, for a five-year term to dredge up to 25,000 cy of sediment material from the mouth of Goleta Slough and disposal of up to 60,000 cy of material per year from the upper reaches of Goleta Slough in the surf zone as beach replenishment at Goleta Beach County Park (Park). The authorization also included the periodic breaching of the mouth of the Slough. On November 27, 2000, the Commission authorized a five-year lease to the Applicant to continue with the same dredging

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and breaching activities; however, the quantity of material to be dredged from the creeks and mouth of Goleta Slough increased up to a maximum of 200,000 cy per year. That lease expired on November 30, 2005, and the Applicant has now submitted an application for a new lease.

2. The Applicant desires to continue the previously authorized dredging activities, which include dredging up to a maximum of 200,000 cy of sediment per year at Goleta Slough, using a combination of hydraulic dredging and dragline desilting methods, from the lower reaches of Atascadero, Carneros, San Pedro and San Jose Creeks and the main channel of Goleta Slough. All of the suitable material would be disposed of as beach replenishment into the surf zone at east side of the mouth of Goleta Slough and at the west end of the Park. In addition, the Applicant proposes periodic breaching, approximately one to three times per year, of the sandbar located at the mouth of Goleta Slough.
3. On April 26, 2005, the Commission authorized a General Lease – Public Agency Use, PRC No. 8600.9, to the Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON), a joint powers authority, of which the City and County of Santa Barbara are participants, to place up to 100,000 cy of suitable surplus sediment from opportunistic sources onto Goleta Beach at the Park as part of its five-year implementation of the South Central Coast Beach Enhancement Program (SCCBEP). Goleta Beach was one of five total receiver sites authorized for placement of beach material.
4. Under California Coastal Commission Permit #4-05-139, the Applicant is required to coordinate with the SCCBEP to insure that the Applicant's annual volume of material disposed of as beach replenishment and the SCCBEP's placement of opportunistic material does not exceed the maximum of 200,000 cy per year authorized at the Park. The Applicant will be responsible for coordinating with BEACON under the SCCBEP and all other potential sediment disposal/beach replenishment projects at Goleta Beach to ensure that the allowable maximum sediment volume placement per year is monitored. The Applicant will hire consultants to monitor their beach replenishment activities on Goleta Beach at the Park.

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5. The Applicant will coordinate with BEACON and Santa Barbara County to conduct and prepare a long-term biological monitoring program for the Goleta Beach receiver site that shall include, but not be limited to, surveys of kelp, surf grass, eelgrass, and reef habitat, as well as visual surveys of applicable Slough mouth openings and turbidity. Desilting/dredging activities will occur only during the period between October 15 through April 1 and limited to operating no more than ten hours per day. In addition to timing and operational constraints, the Applicant will be required to conduct sediment analysis pursuant to an approved Sampling and Analysis Plan, as well as adhere to source compatibility conditions established by the California Coastal Commission. The Applicant will be required to comply with special conditions for operations and maintenance, staging materials and equipment, and post sediment disposal/beach replenishment responsibilities.
6. The Applicant will also be required to survey the dredging and desilting operations for the presence of the invasive alga *Caulerpa taxifolia* according to survey protocol determined by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the National Marine Fisheries Service.
7. On October 13, 2005, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) granted Permit #4-05-139 for this project under its certified regulatory program (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15251 (c). Staff has reviewed the document and determined that the conditions as specified in Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15253 (b), have been met for the Commission to use the environmental analysis document certified by the CCC as a Negative Declaration equivalent in order to comply with the requirements of the CEQA.
8. 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.

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APPROVALS OBTAINED:

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
California Coastal Commission
California Department of Fish and Game
Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District
City of Santa Barbara Planning Commission

EXHIBIT:

A. Location And Site Map

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

May 2, 2006

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS DOCUMENT, CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION (CCC) PERMIT #4-05-139, WAS ADOPTED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE CCC UNDER ITS CERTIFIED PROGRAM (TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15251 (c)), AND THAT THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION THEREIN AND CONCURS IN THE CCC'S DETERMINATION.

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 ISSUANCE OF A DREDGING LEASE TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BEGINNING DECEMBER 8, 2005, FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, FOR THE DREDGING OF UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 25,000 CUBIC YARDS ANNUALLY FROM THE MOUTH OF GOLETA SLOUGH; PERIODIC BREACHING OF THE MOUTH OF

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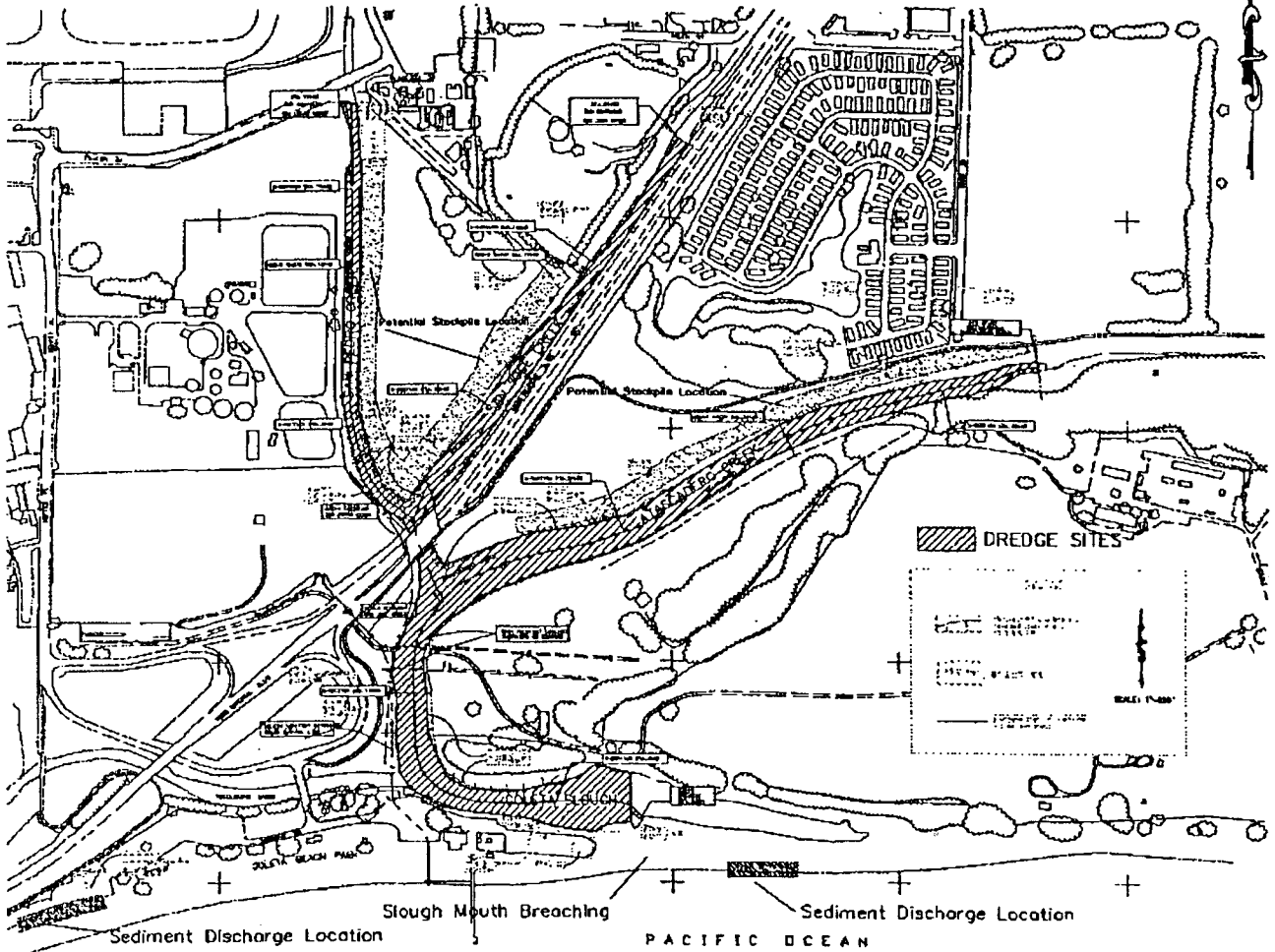
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GOLETA SLOUGH; AND THE DISPOSAL OF UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 200,000 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL AS BEACH REPLENISHMENT IN THE SURFZONE AT GOLETA BEACH COUNTY PARK ON THE LANDS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF; SUCH PERMITTED ACTIVITY IS CONTINGENT UPON APPLICANT'S COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PERMITS, RECOMMENDATIONS, OR LIMITATIONS ISSUED BY FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; NO ROYALTY WILL BE CHARGED AS THE PROJECT WILL RESULT IN A PUBLIC BENEFIT; THE DREDGE MATERIAL WILL NOT BE SOLD.

NO SCALE

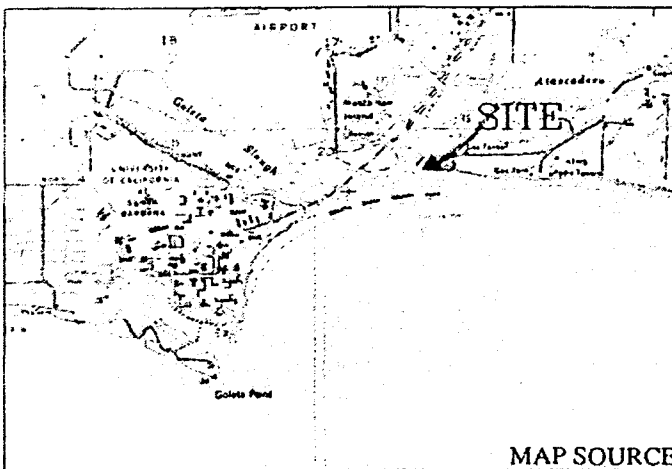
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Goleta Slough and Goleta Beach County Park

NO SCALE

LOCATION



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Exhibit A

WP 7763.9
 Dredging Lease
 APN 071-200-17
 Santa Barbara Flood
 Control District
 Santa Barbara County



This Exhibit is solely for purposes of generally defining the lease premises, is based on unverified information provided by the Lessee or other parties and is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed as, a waiver or limitation of any State interest in the subject or any other property.

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