

**CALENDAR ITEM
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DREDGING LEASE

APPLICANT:

City of Vallejo
555 Santa Clara Street
Vallejo, California 94592

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Legislatively granted sovereign lands, with minerals reserved to the State, and ungranted sovereign land located in Mare Island Strait at the Vallejo Ferry Terminal, city of Vallejo, Solano County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Maintenance dredge a maximum of 60,000 cubic yards of material over ten years to maintain a navigable depth. Dredged material will be deposited at the U.S. Corps of Engineers designated disposal site SF-9 (Carquinez).

LEASE TERM:

Ten years, beginning August 22, 2008.

CONSIDERATION:

No monetary consideration will be charged as the project will result in a public benefit. The dredged material may not be sold.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The city of Vallejo owns the uplands site for the Vallejo Baylink Ferry Terminal that provides water transport from/to Vallejo and San Francisco. The maintenance dredging will allow ingress and egress for ferries at the Terminal.
2. A one-year Dredging Lease was previously authorized by the Commission on September 9, 2003. The city has now applied for a new Dredging Lease in order to remove the accumulated sediment that is currently causing the passenger loading float to go aground

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at low tide and the ferry slips to become inaccessible during extreme low tides.

3. 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 4, Minor Alterations to Land, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15304(g).

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300.

4. 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:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

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 4, MINOR ALTERATIONS TO LAND; TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15304(G).

SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:

FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR

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THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE
SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A TEN-YEAR DREDGING LEASE TO THE CITY OF VALLEJO, BEGINNING AUGUST 22, 2008, TO DREDGE A MAXIMUM OF 60,000 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL FROM THE VALLEJO FERRY TERMINAL AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF. DREDGED MATERIAL WILL BE DEPOSITED AT THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS DESIGNATED DISPOSAL SITE SF-9 (CARQUINEZ). SUCH PERMITTED ACTIVITY IS CONTINGENT UPON APPLICANT'S COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PERMITS, RECOMMENDATIONS, OR LIMITATIONS ISSUED BY FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. NO MONETARY CONSIDERATION WILL BE CHARGED AS THE DREDGING PROJECT WILL RESULT IN A PUBLIC BENEFIT. THE DREDGED MATERIAL MAY NOT BE SOLD.