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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION**

APPLICANT:

EcoSystems Management Associates, Inc.
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BACKGROUND:

The geological surveys authorized under the terms of the permit are for the purpose of obtaining shallow samples of the seafloor for geotechnical information. The data obtained are used in the study of nearshore sand erosion and deposition studies, the design of offshore structures (pipelines, marine terminals, platforms, piers, etc.), and in the technical and environmental analyses of offshore operations. The shallow samples are obtained using nonrotary techniques from a self-contained vessel. The vessel is typically no larger than a fishing boat (usually 50 to 150 feet in length, with a six-foot draft). The sampling methods would have minimal disturbance to the land surface. Upon request, the California State Lands Commission will receive copies of all data derived from any and all surveys under the permit.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:

Initial period:
Three years beginning January 24, 2014 through January 23, 2017.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

Required fees, expense deposit and other security have been received.

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STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. Public Resources Code sections 6212.2 and 6826
- B. California Code of Regulations section, Title 2, section 2905, subdivision (e)(3)
- C. California Code of Regulations section, Title 14, section 15061

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- 1. The staff recommends that the Commission find that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, Information Collection; California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2905, subdivision (e)(3).

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15300 and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2905.

- 2. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370 et seq., but such activity will not affect those significant lands. 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. Permit Regions

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Commission:

CEQA FINDINGS:

Find that the activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15061 as a categorically exempt project, Class 6; Information Collection; California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2905, subdivision (e)(3).

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 section 6370 et seq.

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AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize issuance to EcoSystems Management Associates, Inc., of a Non-Exclusive General Permit to conduct Geological Surveys for the period January 24, 2014, through January 23, 2017, within Permit Regions I, II, III, and IV as designated on Exhibit A, attached hereto.

EXHIBIT A PERMIT REGIONS

