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

APPLICANT:

United States Bureau of Reclamation
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BACKGROUND:

The geological surveys authorized under the terms of the permit are for the purpose of obtaining shallow samples adjacent to the Colorado River for geotechnical information. The data obtained are used in the study of nearshore soil and groundwater profiles for expansion of a Lower Colorado River Wildlife Habitat Area. Collected geotechnical data will be used in reopening an historic abandoned backwater river channel for habitat restoration. Fifteen (15) backhoe pits to a maximum of twenty-five (25) feet deep will be dug using a CAT 320 Excavator at locations shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto. The test pits will be logged, photographed, surveyed, backfilled, and compacted. Soil samples will be collected and classified as needed. 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 months beginning May 1, 2014, through July 31, 2014.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

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

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. Public Resources Code section 6826
- B. California Code of Regulations section, Title 2, section 2905, subdivision

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- 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. Location Map

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 United States Bureau of Reclamation, of a Non-Exclusive General Permit to conduct Geological Surveys for the period May 1, 2014, through July 31, 2014, within the Permit Area as designated on Exhibit A, attached hereto.

Exhibit A

LOCATION MAP

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