

MINUTE ITEM

7/2/65

2. APPLICATION FOR DREDGING PERMIT, SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY; COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA - W.O. 5689, P.R.C. 3316.9.

During consideration of Calendar Item 41 attached, and in response to questions raised by Commissioner Champica, the Executive Officer reported that although there would be fill deposited on uplands and some enhancement of private property values, it would nonetheless be in the public interest to have this major Federal project carried forward; there is no economic method for disposing some of the dredged material other than by deposit on private uplands, so that some enhancement of private property values cannot be avoided.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DEEP-WATER SHIPPING CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM SAN FRANCISCO BAR TO PORT OF STOCKTON UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE U. S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS, PURSUANT TO FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION ACT, A PERMIT TO DREDGE MATERIAL, WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF ROYALTY, FROM SOVEREIGN LANDS IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY, SAN PABLO BAY, CARQUINEZ STRAIT, SUISUN BAY, SACRAMENTO RIVER, NEW YORK SLOUGH, SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, FALSE RIVER, AND ADJOINING WATERWAYS IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

THE CONSIDERATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE PERMIT IS TO BE THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Attachment

Calendar Item 41 (1 page)

41.

APPLICATION FOR DREDGING PERMIT, SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY; COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA - W.O. 5689.

An application has been received from Contra Costa County for a permit to dredge material from sovereign lands of the State in Contra Costa County, in connection with the construction of the proposed Deep Water Channel Improvement Project from the San Francisco Bar near the Golden Gate to the Port of Stockton. Portions of the area to be dredged are included in grants to the Cities of Antioch and Pittsburg, under the provisions of which all minerals were reserved to the State.

It is proposed to remove, under the direction of the U. S. Corps of Engineers, approximately 81 million cubic yards of material from the main shipping channel, a portion of which lies in Contra Costa County. The project is now awaiting approval by Congress, and it is estimated will cost approximately \$60,000,000. It is a major Federal project, the largest of its kind in the history of California, and, according to the applicant, undoubtedly will be approved by Congress this year and, hopefully, funded the following year.

Portions of the material will be redeposited on State-owned tide and submerged lands, and portions will be deposited upon uplands in the areas designated in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Section 6303 of the Public Resources Code provides that the Commission may grant the privilege of depositing material upon or removing material from tide or submerged lands, for the improvement of navigation, upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration as will be in the best interests of the State.

Considering the importance of shipping to the San Francisco Bay area, it appears that the benefit to the Bay area and to the State in general would be of considerable significance. The Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Beaches and Parks, have been advised of the application. Inasmuch as the operation is to be under the direction of the U. S. Corps of Engineers, no request was made for a Department of the Army permit.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DEEP-WATER SHIPPING CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM SAN FRANCISCO BAR TO PORT OF STOCKTON UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE U. S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS, PURSUANT TO FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION ACT, A PERMIT TO DREDGE MATERIAL, WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF ROYALTY, FROM SOVEREIGN LANDS IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY, SAN PABLO BAY, CARQUINEZ STRAIT, SUISUN BAY, SACRAMENTO RIVER, NEW YORK SLOUGH, SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, FALSE RIVER, AND ADJOINING WATERWAYS IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

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