

MINUTE ITEM

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No. 35 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY - EMERGENCY PERMITS

At the present time, severe drought conditions in California have resulted in requests for emergency repairs and activities within State sovereign lands. Examples of requests are temporary placement of water delivery pipes to transport irrigation or domestic water to areas where the water supply is deficient, construction of temporary wing dams or other water diversion facilities to insure adequate irrigation water or drainage flows, or emergency repairs to certain structures during periods of low water.

Although the Division acknowledges the emergency nature of these requests, existing procedures require that we proceed with the normal permit process, including full Commission review and approval.

More expeditious issuance of permits is considered essential to facilitate prompt action during times of emergency. To accomplish this it is requested the Executive Officer of the State Lands Division be delegated the authority to issue "Temporary Permits - Emergency Basis" for necessary work.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. All projects approved by the Executive Officer will meet the requirements of Section 15071, of the Secretary for Resources Agency Guidelines for implementation of CEQA. This section outlines which emergency projects are exempt from the requirements of CEQA.
2. All projects authorized by the Executive Officer will be coordinated by staff with the appropriate governmental agencies including, but not limited to, the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Department of Fish and Game and where appropriate TRPA, BCDC, and the Coastal Commission.
3. All projects involving environmental significant lands will be coordinated with those agencies nominating the parcel. They will help staff determine if project is compatible with the identified environmental characteristics.

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4. The Executive Officer shall report to the State Lands Commission on a monthly basis all those permits issued.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

DELEGATE TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY PERMITS - EMERGENCY BASIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING PROCESSING TIME FOR SUCH PERMITS, BUT EXPRESSLY SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- A. THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 15071, OF THE SECRETARY FOR RESOURCES AGENCY GUIDELINES, FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CEQA.
- B. THAT ALL PROJECTS WILL BE COORDINATED WITH NOMINATING AGENCIES FOR COMPATIBILITY WITH IDENTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS.
- C. THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION AT THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING ALL THOSE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PERMITS ISSUED SINCE THE LAST MEETING.