

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 45
was approved as Minute Item
No. 45 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 4/28/77
meeting.

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RATIFICATION OF PERMISSION ISSUED BY
THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TO DRILL EXPLORATORY OFFSHORE BORINGS

APPLICANT: City and County of San Francisco
Bureau of Sanitary Engineering
770 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

BACKGROUND: On February 25, 1977, PBQ & D, Inc., on behalf
of the City and County of San Francisco re-
quested authority to perform investigative
spoils work consisting of 7 exploratory off-
shore borings from the westerly shoreline of
the San Francisco-San Mateo Peninsula several
miles out into the Pacific Ocean.

The design of this ocean outfall for the City
and County of San Francisco must be completed
by the summer of 1978 in accordance with a
directive from the Water Resources Board of
the State of California. This will require
that all design criteria be developed by
August, 1977, including the geotechnical data
to be obtained from this boring program.
This requires the earliest possible starting
date. This work was originally scheduled for
October of last year but funding problems
delayed the award of the design contracts
until early this year. Through these changes,
the completion date has remained fixed.

PBQ & D, Inc., by accepting the letter permit,
has agreed to provide this office with copies
of drilling logs and laboratory reports of
the completed studies.

Numerous other governmental agencies were con-
tacted concerning these exploratory borings.
The following expressed an interest in the
program but require no permits: U.S. Army,
Corps of Engineers; North Central Coast Region
Commission; U.S. Coast Guard; California
Department of Fish and Game and San Francisco
Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. The
only other government agency that requires
a permit for such off-shore geotechnical
exploration is the U.S. Geological Survey, Office
of Oil and Gas Supervision for operations on
the OCS lands. An application for permit has
been forwarded to them.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT CONSIDERATION:

The project is exempt from the need of an environmental impact report. Pursuant to Title 2, Cal. Adm. Code 2907, Class 6, a core-hole drilling operation conducted for information gathering purposes, is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

This project is situated on State land identified as possessing significant environmental values, pursuant to Public Resources Code 6370.1, and is classified in a significant use category, Class C: Multiple Use. Staff review indicates that there will be no significant effect upon the identified environmental values.

EXHIBIT: A. Site Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH REPORT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER TITLE 2, CAL. ADM. CODE 2907.
2. FIND THAT APPROVAL OF THE PERMIT WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT UPON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6370.1 ET SEQ., OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE.
3. RATIFY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ISSUANCE TO P. B. Q. & D. INC., OF A LETTER PERMIT TO DRILL SOIL TEST HOLES ALONG THE PROPOSED OCEAN OUTFALL PIPELINE AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT "A" ON FILE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION.