MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 49 was approved as Minute Item No. 49 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 3 at its 9-3-99 meeting.

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GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE

LESSEE:

Department of Transportation Attn: Ms. Susan Chang PO Box 23440 Oakland, California 94623-0440

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign lands in Carquinez Strait, near the city of Vallejo and the town of Crockett, Contra Costa and Solano counties.

AUTHORIZED USE:

As part of the retrofit project, construct a new west span; and use of a temporary construction access easement on filled sovereign land in Crockett.

LEASE TERM:

Continuous use plus one year upon execution by the California State Lands Commission.

CONSIDERATION:

The public benefit and safety; with the State reserving the right at any time to set a monetary rent if the Commission finds such action to be in the State's best interest.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- 1. Applicant is acquiring the right to use the uplands adjoining the lease premises.
- 2. This project is part of the retrofit of the Carquinez Bridge, which is in the best interest of the public. A new west span will be constructed and will require a temporary construction access easement on the filled sovereign lands in Crockett, part of which is within the leasehold for C&H Sugar

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Company. Department of Transportation has negotiated use of that portion of the C&H Sugar leasehold for this project.

- 3. The California Department of Transportation, the lead agency pursuant to the CEQA, has determined that this activity is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the CEQA under Section 180.2 of the Streets and Highways Code. An EIS was also prepared and adopted for this project by the Federal Highway Administration and U.S. Coast Guard.
- 4. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq. 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.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Natinal Marine Fisheries Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, California Department of Fish and Game, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.

FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:

Public Utilities Commission.

EXHIBITS:

- A. 101.5 Plat
- B. Temporary Construction Access Easement Plat
- C. Location Map

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

CONCUR WITH THE CEQA LEAD AGENCY, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO

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TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061, AS A STATUTORILY EXEMPT PROJECT PURSUANT TO SECTION 180.2 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, SPECIAL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO PREVENT OR MITIGATE AN EMERGENCY.

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 SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE TERMINATION OF THE EXISTING LEASE NO. PRC 402.9, EFFECTIVE UPON EXECUTION OF A NEW LEASE BY STATE LANDS COMMISSION.

AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF A PUBLIC AGENCY LEASE, EFFECTIVE UPON EXECUTION BY THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION, FOR CONTINUOUS USE PLUS ONE YEAR, FOR THE EXISTING CARQUINEZ BRIDGE, CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WEST SPAN AND USE OF A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ACCESS EASEMENT ON THE LAND SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A AND B ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF; CONSIDERATION BEING THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND SAFETY.



