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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE ROTARY DRILLING GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT ON SOVEREIGN TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS

APPLICANT:

Calleguas Municipal Water District Attn.: Ms. Kristine McCaffrey 2100 Olsen Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91360-6800

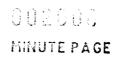
BACKGROUND:

The geological surveys authorized under the terms of the permit are for the purpose of obtaining core samples of the seafloor for geotechnical information. Geological and geotechnical samples of the subsurface sediments will be collected at six locations (shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto). The analysis of the samples will be used to evaluate the proposed location and to design a brine water outfall pipeline. The outfall will discharge waste brine solution generated from groundwater desalination facilities, and other treated effluent from various treatment facilities within the Calleguas Creek watershed. The shallow geologic samples (90 feet deep) will be obtained using closed system rotary drilling techniques from a self-contained vessel.

Each boring is anticipated to take about 12 hours to complete. Closed system drilling from a self-contained drill ship will be conducted within a 6-inch diameter casing, which will extend from about 20 feet below the ocean floor to the ocean surface. Drilling fluid will be circulated through the drill pipe and casing to tanks on the drill ship. Use of less than 100 pounds of 100 percent (100%) biodegradable bentonite drilling mud per boring is anticipated for the entire project. The mud and soil spoils system is fully contained and no fluid or soil cuttings will be discharged into the ocean as part of the drilling process. Upon completion of the project, the soil cuttings and drilling fluid will be disposed of onshore at an appropriate disposal facility. A Spill Contingency Plan and Drilling Fluid Monitoring Plan have been provided. Upon request, the California State

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Lands Commission will receive copies of all data derived from any and all surveys under this permit.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:

One year, beginning September 1, 2006, through August 31, 2007.

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(e)(3)
- C. California Code of Regulations section: Title 14, section 15061

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA, because it involves a feasibility or planning study for possible future action which the Commission has not approved, adopted, or funded.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21102 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15262.

2. 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.

EXHIBIT:

A. Location Map

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

October 1, 2006

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

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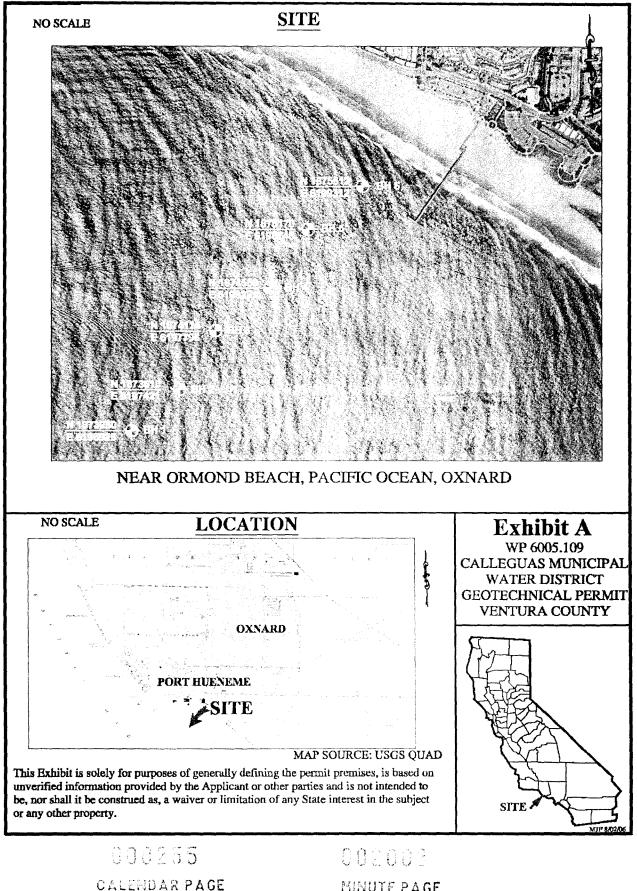
CEQA FINDINGS:

- 1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A STATUTORILY EXEMPT PROJECT PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21102 AND TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15262, FEASIBILITY OR PLANNING STUDY FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS NOT APPROVED, ADOPTED, OR FUNDED.
- 2. 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 ISSUANCE TO CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE PERMIT TO CONDUCT ROTARY DRILLING GEOLOGICAL SAMPLING FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2006, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2007, AT LOCATIONS AS DESIGNATED ON EXHIBIT A, ATTACHED HERETO.

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