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**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION OF ALCATRAZ SHOAL FOR
THE EXTRACTION OF SAND AND GRAVEL**

PARTY:

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AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Approximately 421 acres of submerged lands in San Francisco Bay known as Alcatraz Shoal, San Francisco County.

NOMINATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS:

The nomination of Alcatraz Shoal for the commercial extraction of sand and gravel; and the incorporation of Alcatraz Shoal in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Hanson's mining operations in central San Francisco Bay, Suisun Bay, and Middle Ground, described in the California State Lands Commission's (Commission) Agreement Number C2007-045.

CONSIDERATION:

To be negotiated pursuant to 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2003.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

Section 2204, Title 2, California Code of Regulations
Section 1909, Title 2, California Code of Regulations

BACKGROUND:

Currently, Lease No. PRC 5871, at Alcatraz Shoal, is an active lease held by RMC Materials Inc. (RMC) for sand mining operations. The existing term of the lease ends on June 30, 2008, and RMC has elected not to renew the lease. Suisun Associates, of which Hanson Aggregates West (Hanson) and Morris Tug & Barge, Inc., are partners, has submitted a nomination to extract sand and gravel from Alcatraz Shoal.

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An environmental review must be undertaken in order to conduct the competitive bid. Currently, Environmental Science Associates has been contracted by the Commission to prepare an EIR for Hanson's mining operations in central San Francisco Bay, Suisun Bay, and Middle Ground shoal. Staff proposes to amend this agreement to include Alcatraz Shoal. All costs shall be recovered from the successful bidder.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines [Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15060(c)(3)], the staff has determined that this activity is not subject to the provisions of CEQA because it is not a "project" as defined by the CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Authority: Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15060(c)(3) and 15378.

2. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq., but such activity will not affect those significant lands.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Location and Site Map of Alcatraz Shoal Nomination Area

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15060(c)(3) BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15378.

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.

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AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOMINATION OF ALCATRAZ SHOAL LEASE NO. PRC 5871.1 AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ENTER INTO ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO PROCESS THE NOMINATION.