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**DREDGING LEASE**

**APPLICANT:**

City of Suisun City  
701 Civic Center Blvd.  
Suisun City, California 94585

**AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:**

Sovereign lands in the Suisun Slough and the Suisun City Marina area, Whispering Bay Channel, and the Marina Village Residential District at the Suisun Marina, Solano County.

**AUTHORIZED USE:**

Maintenance dredge a maximum of 120,510 cubic yards of material over ten years to maintain a navigable depth. Dredged material will be disposed of at the United States Army Corps of Engineers' designated upland Pierce Island Disposal Site.

**LEASE TERM:**

Ten years, beginning August 22, 2008.

**CONSIDERATION:**

No monetary consideration will be charged as the project will result in a public benefit. The dredged material may not be sold.

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. On February 21, 2003, the Commission authorized a four-year Dredging Lease with the City of Suisun City (city) for maintenance dredging of a maximum of 21,000 cubic yards of material from Suisun Slough. That lease expired on December 1, 2007, and the Applicant is now requesting a new lease.
2. The current dredging project is needed to maintain safe boating depths in Suisun Slough, the Suisun City Marina, the access channels that serve the Marina, and the Marina Village Residential district. The material will

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3. 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 as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land; Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300.

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 REQUIRED:**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission  
Regional Water Quality Control Board

**EXHIBIT:**

- A. Location and Site Map

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

**CEQA FINDING:**

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 4, MINOR ALTERATIONS TO LAND; TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15304 (G).

**SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:**

FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE

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LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370,  
ET SEQ.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A TEN YEAR DREDGING LEASE TO THE CITY OF SUISUN CITY, BEGINNING AUGUST 22, 2008, TO DREDGE A MAXIMUM OF 120,510 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL DURING THE LEASE TERM WITHIN SUISUN SLOUGH AND THE SUISUN CITY MARINA AREA, WHISPERING BAY CHANNEL, AND THE MARINA VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AT THE SUISUN MARINA, AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF. DREDGED MATERIAL WILL BE DISPOSED OF AT THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' DESIGNATED UPLAND PIERCE ISLAND DISPOSAL SITE. SUCH PERMITTED ACTIVITY IS CONTINGENT UPON APPLICANT'S COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PERMITS, RECOMMENDATIONS, OR LIMITATIONS ISSUED BY FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. NO MONETARY CONSIDERATION WILL BE CHARGED AS THE DREDGING PROJECT WILL RESULT IN A PUBLIC BENEFIT. THE DREDGED MATERIAL MAY NOT BE SOLD.