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15. AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR REMOVAL OF THE WRECKED SHIP "LA JENELLE" AT PORT HUENEME, VENTURA COUNTY, AND FOR RESTORATION OF THE BEACH - W 2880.31.

After consideration of Calendar Item 15 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SEEK FUNDS AND A CONTRACT, THROUGH COMPETITIVE BIDDING, FOR REMOVAL OF THE WRECKED SHIP "LA JENELLE", AND FOR RESTORATION OF THE BEACH.

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"SS LA JENELLE"

SITUATION: At the regular February State Lands Commission meeting, the Executive Officer and the Office of the Attorney General were authorized to seek appropriate means to remove the "La Jenelle" from the beach, including contacting Federal agencies, for assistance.

At the March meeting the State Lands Commission adopted a resolution asking the U.S. Secretary of Navy for assistance in removing the vessel. No response has been received. However, the State Lands Division staff has contacted directly the office assigned to prepare the response, the U.S. Navy Supervisor of Salvage, and has been advised that no men, money, or materials are available to aid in removing the "La Jenelle." However, the Navy would provide technical advice to the State Lands Commission during the contracting process.

There is no other appropriate Federal agency to direct a request for assistance.

The vessel remains a hazard, from which the public is protected by a fence and a security guard maintained by the State Lands Commission. In a two-month period over 800 persons were directed from the ship by security guards.

There appears to be no alternative, which will result in removal of this public hazard, except to seek funds which will enable the Commission to enter into a contract with private salvagers to effect removal of the vessel and restoration of the beach.

EXHIBIT: A. Site Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SEEK FUNDS AND A CONTRACT, THROUGH COMPETITIVE BIDDING, FOR REMOVAL OF THE WRECKED SHIP, "LA JENELLE", AND FOR RESTORATION OF THE BEACH.

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