

This Calendar Item No. 24  
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No. 24 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 2  
to 0 at its 6-24-76  
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CALENDAR ITEM  
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RATIFICATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF AN EMERGENCY  
PERMIT FOR DRILLING THREE SOIL-TEST CORE-HOLES

- APPLICANT: Dames & Moore, a General Partnership;  
Henry Klehn, Jr., Partner  
1100 Glendon Ave., Suite 1000  
Los Angeles, California 90024
- LOCATION: Colorado River, approximately 1/2 mile south of  
State Highway 1-10, Riverside County, near Blythe.  
The core-hole locations are described in Exhibit  
"A" attached and by reference made a part hereof.
- PROJECT: To drill five (three in California and two in  
Arizona), 30-foot deep soil-test core-holes spaced  
approximately 150 feet apart along a line crossing  
the Colorado Riverbed. The holes will be 5-inches  
in diameter and cased to the depth required for  
sealing. The drilling will be done with a small,  
mud-circulating rotary drilling rig mounted on a  
pontoon barge. At each 5-foot increment of drilled  
depth, a 12" long tube will be hammer-driven in  
order to obtain an undisturbed core of soil. All  
drilling and coring at a location will be completed  
and the casing retrieved before moving on to the  
next location. It is expected that one hole will  
be completed per day and that the entire operation  
which includes 2 holes on the Arizona side of the  
River will not take over one week.
- PURPOSE: To obtain knowledge of the underlying soils of  
the riverbed in order to determine the environmental  
and soils engineering requirements for the installa-  
tion of a 42" pipeline as part of the proposed SONIO-  
Mid-Continent Pipeline Project.
- TERM: June 3, 1976, through December 31, 1976.
- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT CONSIDERATION:
1. The project is exempt from the need of an  
environmental impact report. Pursuant to  
Title 2, Cal. Adm. Code 2910, Class 6, a  
core-hole drilling operation conducted for  
information gathering purposes, is categorically  
exempt from the provisions of the California  
Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as  
amended.

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2. This project is situated on State land identified as possessing significant environmental values, pursuant to Public Resources Code 6370.1, and is classified in a significant use category, Class B: Limited Use. Staff review indicates that there will be no significant effect upon the identified environmental values.

OTHER PERTINENT DATA:

1. Permits or non-objections for the work have been issued by the following:

- a. U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Permit No. 76-105).
- b. Arizona State Lands Department (Permit No. 01411).
- c. California Dept. of Fish and Game (Notification No. V-76-56).
- d. California Regional Water Quality Control Board (no objection).

2. The staff has reviewed the scope of the work and determined that the project will not result in any significant damage to the immediate or regional environment.

3. In order to enable the applicant to expedite engineering and environmental studies, and pursuant to the State Lands Commission's general concurrence at the May 27, 1976 meeting, the Executive Officer of the State Lands Commission authorized issuance of an emergency permit to drill the holes, pending receipt of an application for a pipeline right-of-way at this location. Such permit was issued on June 3, 1976.

EXHIBITS:      A. Location Description.      B. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT HAS NOT PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH REPORT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER TITLE 2, CAL. ADM. CODE 2910.
2. FIND THAT APPROVAL OF THE PERMIT WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT UPON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6370.1 ET SEQ., OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE.

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3. RATIFY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S AUTHORIZATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO DAMES AND MOORE, A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP; HENRY KLEHN, JR., PARTNER; TO DRILL THREE 30-FOOT DEEP SOIL TEST CORE-HOLES IN THE COLORADO RIVERBED SPACED APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET APART ALONG A LINE CROSSING THE RIVER, SUCH LINE BEING MORE PRECISELY DESCRIBED IN ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A", FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOILS ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A 42" PIPELINE AS PART OF THE PROPOSED SOHIO-MID-CONTINENT PIPELINE PROJECT, SUCH PERMIT TO BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 3, 1976 TO DECEMBER 31, 1976; PROVIDED ALL SUCH WORK IS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL PERMITS, REQUIREMENTS, OR LIMITATIONS AS SET, OR AS MAY BE SET, BY STATE, LOCAL OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

Attachments: Exhibit "A"

EXHIBIT "A"

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A strip of submerged land 10 feet wide in the State owned bed of the Colorado River within Section 2, T 7 S, R 23 E, S.B.M., Riverside County, California, the centerline of said strip being described as follows:

COMMENCING at the southeast corner of Section 16, T 3 N, R 22 W, G 3rd SRM, Yuma County, Arizona, thence; N 70° 10' 31" W, 3,012.8 feet to a point on the west bank of the Colorado River and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described centerline; thence S 67° 24' 30" E, to the common boundary between California and Arizona.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portion thereof lying landward of the ordinary high water mark of the Colorado River.

END OF DESCRIPTION

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