

MINUTE ITEM:

This Calendar Item No. 26
was approved as Minute Item
No. 26 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 2
to 0 at its 3/28/79
meeting.

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TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

BACKGROUND:

At its February, 1978 meeting the Commission approved an emergency permit to the Department of Fish and Game for wildlife habitat protection work at Mono Lake. That work consisted of using explosives to remove a land bridge that had formed within the lake and was providing predator access to nesting California gulls. The land bridge was forming due to the receding water level of Mono Lake. The bridge removal work was completed during the spring months, prior to the arrival of the nesting gulls.

Since that time the water level of the lake has continued to recede, and land bridge access is again a problem. Further removal work with explosives is necessary to again provide protection for the gulls. Explosive work will be performed, as before, by the National Guard.

The activity is exempt under CEQA, and a Notice of Exemption has been filed by the Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 15074(c) of Title 14 of the Cal. Adm. Code.

The activity is also helping to protect and maintain a segment of those significant environmental values (gulls) identified pursuant to P.R.C. 6370.1

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN EIR HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH REPORT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF P.R.C 21085; 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15100 ET SEQ., AND 2 CAL. ADM. CODE. 2907.
2. FIND THAT GRANTING OF THE PERMIT WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT UPON ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6370.1 OF THE P.R.C.

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3. AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME OF A 1-YEAR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT FROM APRIL 1, 1979; IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC USE AND BENEFIT, FOR THE FURTHER REMOVAL OF A LAND BRIDGE FOR PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE HABITAT, IN THE BED OF MONO LAKE, MONO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

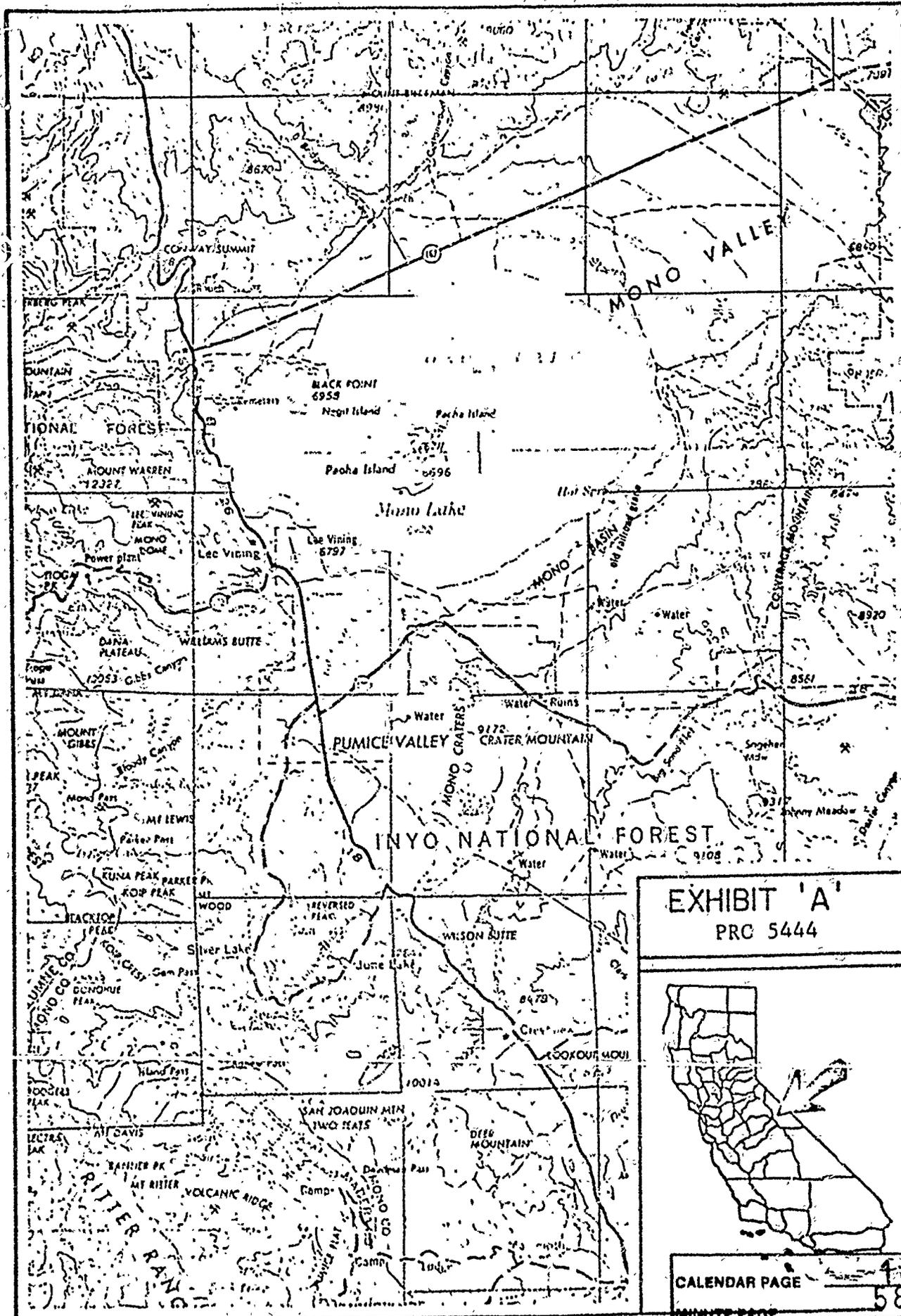


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