MINUTE ITEM

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BEACH CLEANUP AND HAZARD REMOVAL

INTRODUCTION:

As part of the continuing administration of funds given to the Commission for beach and surf zone clean up in Santa Barbara County, the staff is requesting Commission action to authorize the request for bids sent out for the fourth phase of the hazard removal project.

BACKGROUND AND PRESENT SITUATION:

In January 1978 the Commission received a Federal grant of $787,385 to locate and remove potentially hazardous obstructions in the beach and offshore areas of Santa Barbara County.

In February 1978 the Commission authorized the issuance of an emergency contract to Granite Construction Company of Santa Barbara to remove remnants of former oil well structures and pipelines that were exposed on the beach at Ellwood as a result of extensive sand removal caused by severe tide ans surf conditions. In excess of 100 tons of debris was removed from the beach.

In September 1978 the Commission authorized the solicitation of bids and the issuance of a contract to the lowest qualified bidder to remove a deteriorated and hazardous section of steel groin in the ocean near the Marriott Biltmore Hotel in Santa Barbara. The successful bidder Oceaneering International, Inc. of Santa Barbara, after considerable delay due to unfavorable ocean conditions, accomplished the removal of the 30 foot section of groin in April 1979.

In January 1979, by authorization of the Commission, a contract was let to Oceanographic Services, Inc. of Santa Barbara in the amount of $181,138 to search for and locate hazardous obstruction existing offshore from Ellwood, Goleta, Summerland and El Capitan in Santa Barbara County. The Contractor has completed the near shore portion of the contract which represents about 50% of the work. The deeper water portion of the survey work (beyond the 13-foot water depth) is now in progress.

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Sufficient advance information has been provided by the Contractor on the near shore obstructions in the Elwood beach area to enable the staff to formulate plans for removal of the hazardous obstructions found in the surf area out to the 13-foot water depth. It is the opinion of staff that the removal work should start at Elwood as the majority of the debris is located along its beaches which are heavily used by surfers. The submerged obstructions to be removed consist of mostly pier and well structure pilings. Due to the great expense to perform removal work in the surf area and the great number of piles to be removed at Ellwood, it is anticipated that the remaining grant funds ($515,000) would be expended in this area.

In recognition of the work to be done on other beach areas such as Goleta, Coal Oil Point, Isla Vista, El Capitan and Summerland, the staff is currently trying to obtain and additional 1.5 million dollars to continue the removal work. That additional funding would also be administered under the contract for which bids are currently being sought.

The staff has prepared contract specification for methods, equipment, and personnel to be used in the removal work. The specifications provide for a movable platform capable of work in the surf and tidal areas. It can be easily positioned over the objects to be removed. The platform shall be strong enough to support a crane and other heavy auxiliary equipment and provide adequate space for divers and other workers involved in the removal work.

Current funding for the project expires on December 31, 1979. This deadline necessitates putting a Contractor to work on the job site by the first of October so that this phase of the project can be finished by the end of December. That in turn means that the contract should be awarded at the September Commission meeting.

Bid notices and invitations to bid will be sent out August 24, 1979 calling for all bids to be submitted on or before the opening date of September 18, 1979. The Commission can then award the contract at its next regular meeting (September 27, 1979).

EXHIBIT: A. Site Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE BID NOTICE AND INVITATION TO BID.

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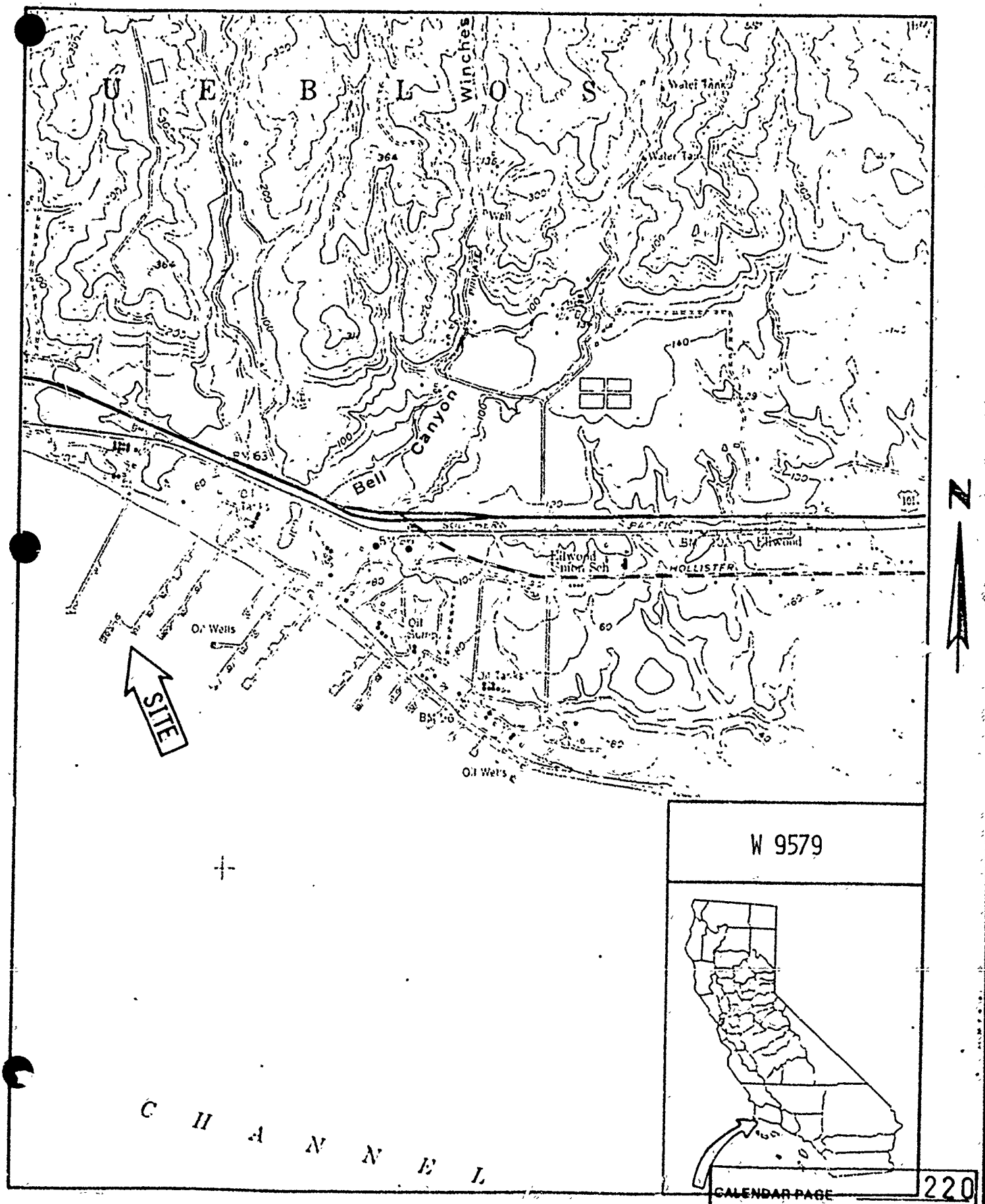
EXHIBIT "A"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