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This Calendar Item No. C4
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Commission by a vote of 3
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GENERAL PERMIT - PUBLIC AGENCY USE

APPLICANT: United States Department of Interior,
Water and Power Resources Services
Yuma Project Office
Bin 12487
Yuma, Arizona 85364

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:
A 1.66-acre parcel of sovereign land in the bed of the Colorado River near the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, Imperial County.

LAND USE: Construction and maintenance of a 161 KV overhead electric transmission line.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:
Initial period: 49 years from October 1, 1980.

CONSIDERATION: The public use and benefit.

BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION:
Pursuant to 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2005.

PREREQUISITE TERMS, FEES AND EXPENSES:
Applicant is owner of upland.

Filing fee and processing costs have been received.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:
A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Parts 1 & 2; Div. 13.

B. Cal Adm. Code: Title 2, Div. 3; Title 14, Div. 6.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:
1. The annual rental of the site is estimated to be $200.

2. Applicant proposes to construct a 161 KV overhead power line crossing the Colorado

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River to provide electric power from a substation in California to the Yuma Desalting Plant in Arizona. No surface improvements will be installed on State land. The overhead power lines will be installed by helicopter.

3. This is a part of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Project which was treated in a Final Environmental Statement dated June 18, 1975.

4. The EIS was prepared by the Department of Interior, pursuant to NEPA.

5. This project is situated on State land identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370.1, and is classified in a use category, Class B, which authorizes Limited Use.

   Staff has coordinated this project with those agencies and organizations who nominated the site as containing significant environmental values. They have found this project to be compatible with their nomination.

FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:
United States Army Corps of Engineers.

EXHIBITS:
A. Land Description.
B. Location Map.
C. Summary of EIS.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN EIS HAS BEEN PREPARED AND CERTIFIED FOR THIS PROJECT BY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, WATER AND POWER RESOURCES SERVICES, AND THAT SAID EIS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLIES WITH CEQA AND THE STATE EIR GUIDELINES.

2. CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE EIS HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION.

3. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

4. 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.

5. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, WATER AND POWER RESOURCES SERVICES OF A 49-YEAR GENERAL PERMIT - PUBLIC AGENCY USE FROM OCTOBER 1, 1980; IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC USE AND BENEFIT, WITH THE STATE RESERVING THE RIGHT AT ANY TIME TO SET A MONETARY RENTAL IF THE COMMISSION FINDS SUCH ACTION TO BE IN THE STATE'S BEST INTEREST; FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A 161 KV OVERHEAD POWER TRANSMISSION LINE ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

EXHIBIT "A"

LAND DESCRIPTION W 22471

A strip of State-owned land adjacent to Section 25, T16S, R21E, SBM, Imperial County, California, said strip being 125 feet wide and extending across the Colorado River, in the vicinity of Yuma, Arizona, and lying 125 feet on the right or westerly side of the following described line:

BEGINNING at the center one-quarter (C-1/4) of Section 25; thence S 11°07'05"E 1020.15 feet; thence S 11°19'06"E 650 feet to the end of the herein described line.

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

END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED JUNE 10, 1980 BY TECHNICAL SERVICES UNIT, ROY MINNICK, SUPERVISOR.

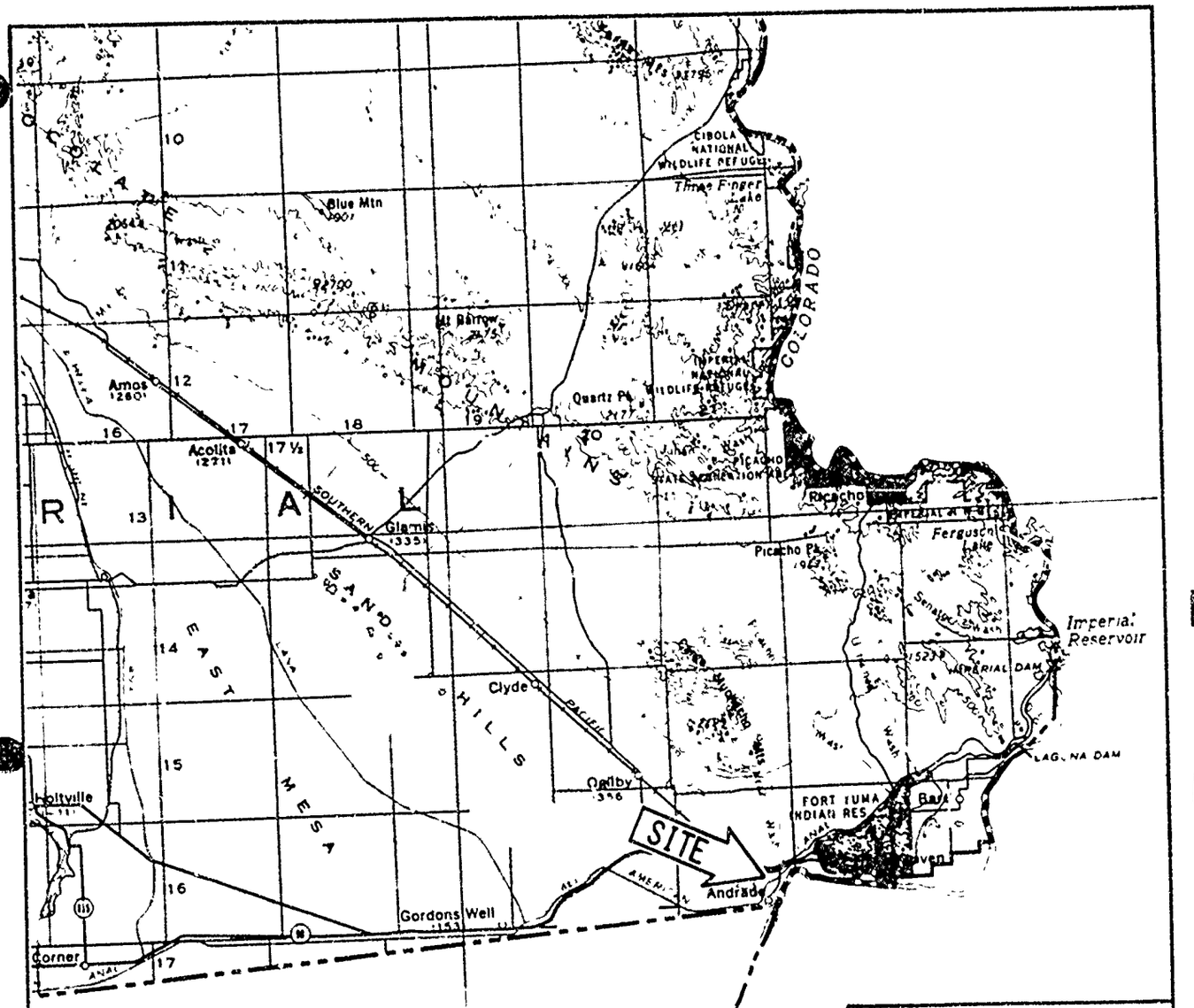

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EXHIBIT "C"

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SUMMARY

The following is a summary of portions of an Environmental Impact Report applicable to interests of the State Lands Commission. The EIR, entitled Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Project, was completed in June, 1975 by the Department of the Interior, Water and Power Services.

As a component of the project, additions to the USBR Parker-Davis Project transmission system will be required to serve the desalting complex load adequately. The alinement will parallel an existing line crossing the Colorado River in Section 25, T.16S, R21E, SBM, Imperial County. At this crossing the line should cause no significiant impact, although the proposed steel transmission line towers at the River may adversely affect area aesthetics. Tower heights will be 60 - 70 feet with intervals of 700 - 800 feet. The Colorado River crossing is an established transmission line river crossing.

Pertinent mitigiation measures in response to possible impacts include:

A) Controlling operations so as to disturb the minimum amount of rights-of-way. Only necessary amounts of vegetation will be cleared within the rights-of-way.

B) Provision for watering devices to reduce dust nuisance on access roads and in work areas.

C) Transmission lines and related facilities will be designed and constructed in accordance with the Department of the Interior's "Environmental Criteria for Electric Transmission Systems".

The project has received appropriate archeological clearance.