MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 16 was approved as Minute Item No. 16 by the State Lands Commission by a vote of 2 to 0 at its 11/23/81 meeting.

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16. TIDELANDS INVENTORY REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

During consideration of Item 16, the Commissioners and W. F. Northrop, Executive Officer, expressed their appreciation to staff for the timely preparation of the Tidelands Inventory Report.

Upon motion duly made by Acting Chairman David Ackerman, the recommendation made in Item 16 was approved as presented by a vote of 2 to 0.

Attachment: Calendar Item 16.

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TIDELANDS INVENTORY REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:

Chapter 706, Statutes of 1975 (incorporated into the P.R.C. as Sections 6331-6342) requires the State Lands Commission to report to the Legislature on the progress of a Tidelands Inventory Program by December 31, 1981. The report must contain an inventory of tidelands and a plan establishing priorities for the conduct of surveys necessary to establish tideland boundaries, together with an estimate of the cost of conducting the surveys.

The Report to the Legislature is now submitted to the Commission for its approval. Following approval by the Commission the report will be printed and submitted to the Legislature in accordance with the procedure contained in the memorandum regarding Legislative reports written February 27, 1981 by the Secretary for Resources.

A copy of the bill under which this report has been prepared is included in Section I of the report. As is discussed in Sections I, II A and IV A of the report the Tidelands Inventory Unit of the Commission staff has limited work to date to the tidelands along the open coast of California. The intention of the staff is to proceed with the solution of tideland boundary problems of the open coast before continuing with the inventory of the tidelands along the inland waters of the State.

An executive summary of major recommendations and reasons therefore is attached.

AB 884: N/A.

EXHIBIT: A. Executive Summary.

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. APPROVE THE TIDELANDS INVENTORY REPORT CONTAINING A PLAN OF PRIORITIES AND COST ESTIMATES FOR CONDUCTING RECOMMENDED SURVEYS.

2. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1981.

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EXHIBIT A
TIDELANDS INVENTORY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is the summary of five year's of staff work. While it is called a tidelands inventory, the primary objective is the establishment of the boundary between the state-owned tidelands and upland property. The end product of work now in process will be maps and written descriptions identifying a fixed tideland boundary.

The report contains a priority schedule for resolving the boundary along the entire California coast and offshore islands, together with estimated costs for the surveys and studies needed to solve the inherent problems. The total estimated cost for these necessary studies and surveys by the 1989 target date in terms of 1981 dollars, is $15,422,500. This includes a staff augmentation of 30 positions in order to meet the statutory deadline. Notwithstanding the legislative completion date, staff recommends the work be done by existing personnel with no increase in the level of service, with the completion date extended to 2010 a.d.

In order to determine the work to be done and a schedule of priorities, copies of vesting documents for the coastal upland properties were obtained and the boundary line descriptions for the boundary lines along the entire ungranted coastal tidelands were analyzed together with existing maps. From this analysis the locations of needed surveys were established, and the areas of most urgent need were incorporated into highest priority ranking. A mile by mile inspection of the coast was also conducted in order to locate areas which have been impacted by works of man. The report contains a compilation of the results of these analyses and inspections. The findings from the approximately 5,000 vesting documents are included in 16 separate volumes titled County Data Summaries and are included with the report as Appendix C.

As a result of the legislation which enacted Public Resources Code Sections 6331-6342, and the attendant legal study, it is anticipated that the policy of the State Lands Commission will change to allow the fixing of tideland boundaries in areas considered to be in a natural condition. The report deals with the legal aspects of this.

(Added 11/18/81)