

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C7
was approved as Minute Item
No. 7 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 2
to 0 at its 4/28/83
meeting.

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GENERAL PERMIT - PUBLIC AGENCY

APPLICANT: California Department of Fish and Game
245 West Broadway, Suite 350
Long Beach, California 90802

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:
1.102 acre of tide and submerged land in
the Pacific Ocean near Port Hueneme, Ventura
County.

LAND USE: Artificial fishing reef.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:
Initial period: 49 years from May 1, 1983.

CONSIDERATION: 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.

BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION:
Pursuant to 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2003.

PREREQUISITE TERMS, FEES AND EXPENSES:
Filing fee and processing costs have been
received.

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STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Parts 1 and 2; Div. 13.
- B. Cal. Adm. Code: Title 2, Div. 3; Title 14, Div. 6.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Sport and commercial fisheries activities along the coastline of Ventura County are primarily centered around Ventura Marina and Channel Island Harbor. Fisheries opportunities in this near-shore area have always been limited due to a lack of rocky substrate and forests of giant kelp which normally provide habitat for important resource species. Artificial reefs have long been recognized as useful tools for increasing densities of fishes in areas of sand bottom.

In order to improve local fisheries, the Department of Fish and Game proposes to construct an artificial fishing reef in the vicinity of Channel Islands Harbor. The structure will be constructed from approximately 1,800 tons of quarried rock and will be planted with giant kelp in an effort to further enhance its fish-attracting qualities.

Long-term beneficiaries will not only include sport and commercial fishermen, but also the numerous plants, invertebrates, and fishes which find necessary habitat within the artificial reef complex.

2. The annual rental value of the site is estimated to be \$550.
3. This project is exempt from CEQA because it falls within the provisions of Title 14, Section 15104(d) (minor alteration in water and vegetation on officially designated fish production facilities which result in greater fish production).

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4. This project is situated on land identified as possessing environmental values in that the State Lands Commission stated all waterways under the Commission's jurisdiction have environmental significance. Staff finds this project to be compatible with Commission policy.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

None.

FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:

United States Army Corps of Engineers;
California Coastal Commission.

AB 884: 4/15/84.

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

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH DOCUMENT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF P.R.C. 21084, 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15100 ET SEQ., AND 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2905.
2. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS SITUATED ON LAND IDENTIFIED AS POSSESSING ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES IN THAT THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION FOUND ALL WATERWAYS UNDER THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE, BUT THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS COMPATIBLE WITH THAT FINDING AS IT APPLIES TO THE SUBJECT LAND.
3. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME OF A 49-YEAR GENERAL PERMIT - PUBLIC AGENCY USE FROM MAY 1, 1983; 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 AN ARTIFICIAL FISHING REEF, ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

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EXHIBIT "A"

LAND DESCRIPTION

A parcel of tide and submerged land in the Pacific Ocean near Pt. Hueneme, Ventura County, California lying immediately beneath an artificial fishing reef, the center of said reef having geographic coordinates of 34° 08' 04.2" North Latitude and 119° 11' 54" West Longitude and being within 170 feet of the extremities of said reef.

END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED APRIL 4, 1983 BY BOUNDARY AND TITLE UNIT, LEROY WEEB, SUPERVISOR.

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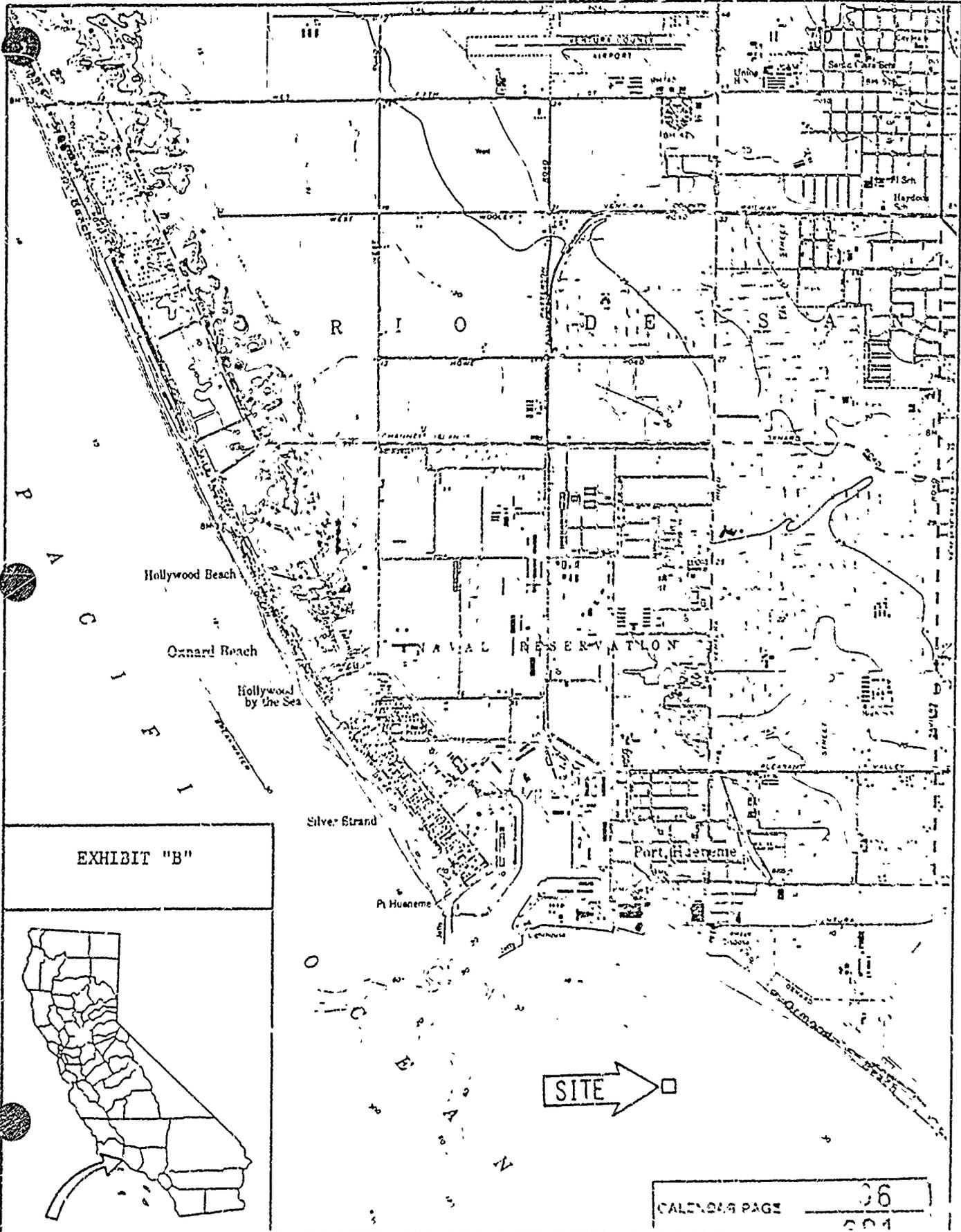


EXHIBIT "B"

SITE