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REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE
AGREEMENTS FOR STUDIES OF THE
AREA BETWEEN POINT ARGUELLO AND POINT SAL

Staff is proposing to hire a consultant(s) to prepare studies on 70,000 acres of State tidelands located between Point Arguello and Point Sal, Santa Barbara Channel. Such studies will include geophysical resource evaluation, geohazards and cultural resources survey, a biological survey and geologic and geochemical studies.

In Fiscal Year 1985-86 \$1,335,000 has been included in the Conference Committee approved budget for these studies.

With expanding activities on Federal oil and gas leases adjacent to State lands, there is a high likelihood that drainage will occur from State resources. Federal law provides for drainage agreements to preserve the State's interest on lands adjacent to Federal leases. The information derived from these studies will assist the State in its negotiation for such an agreement to protect the resource and its revenue. The study will also establish a base of biological and environmental data that can be used in any discussions involving future oil and gas exploration or development in the area.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS FOR THE SERVICES DESCRIBED AND FOR A NOT TO EXCEED TOTAL COST OF \$1,335,000. THIS AUTHORIZATION SHALL ONLY APPLY IF FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED IN THE BUDGET ACT OF 1985.