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SALVAGE PERMIT

APPLICANT: Mini Development Corp., Inc.
2001 E. Flamingo, Suite 100-M
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION: A ten-acre parcel of tide and submerged land, located in the Pacific Ocean, near Destroyer Rock, off Point Arguello, Santa Barbara County.

LAND USE: Salvage of selected items from the Yankee Blade, a sunken vessel.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:
Initial period: One year beginning September 15, 1985.

Public liability insurance: Combined single limit coverage of \$500,000.

CONSIDERATION: \$250 land rent; 25 percent of the net salvage value of \$25,000 or less, and 50 percent of the net salvage value in excess of \$25,000. Said sum shall be due on the first of month following the sale and bear interest as specified in P.R.C. Section 6224 if not paid within 15 days of the due date.

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

APPLICANT STATUS: Applicant is permittee of upland.

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PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:
Filing fee has been received.

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.

AB 884: 08/27/85.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. This project involves the potential salvage of selected items from the Yankee Blade, a steam side wheeler, sunk in 1854 in an area known as Destroyer Rock off the Santa Barbara coast. The salvage will be performed by four qualified divers using scuba equipment. Removal of items will be performed largely by hand after employing vacuums or blowers to clear areas of discovery.

The permittee shall provide the State Historic Preservation Office (SHIPO) and the Office of the State Archaeologist an opportunity to review and approve the plan of operation of the salvage project prior to commencement of activities.

A qualified archaeologist has been retained by the applicant. He has developed a removal plan acceptable to SHIPO and will continue to work closely with SHIPO for the duration of the operation. Lease terms require that an archaeologist be on board when the divers are working.

All items retrieved will be catalogued and warehoused as specified by terms of the lease then inspected and appraised by qualified appraisers.

2. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15025), the staff has

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prepared a Proposed Negative Declaration identified as EIR ND 23555, State Clearinghouse No. 8505810. Such Proposed Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Based upon the Initial Study, the Proposed Negative Declaration, and the comments received in response thereto, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15074(b))

3. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

Department of Fish and Game, Vandenberg Air Force Base.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Location Map.
- B. Negative Declaration.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. CERTIFY THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION, EIR ND 23555, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 8505810, WAS PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CEQA AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
2. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT, AS APPROVED, WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
3. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO P.R.C. 6370, ET SEQ.

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4. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO MINI DEVELOPMENT CORP., INC. OF A ONE-YEAR SALVAGE PERMIT BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15, 1985; IN CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250 LAND RENT, 25 PERCENT OF THE NET SALVAGE VALUE OF \$25,000 OR LESS, AND 50 PERCENT OF THE NET SALVAGE VALUE IN EXCESS OF \$25,000. PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT COVERAGE OF \$500,000; FOR SALVAGE OF ITEMS FROM THE YANKEE BLADE, A SUNKEN VESSEL ON LAND DESCRIBED BY LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION.

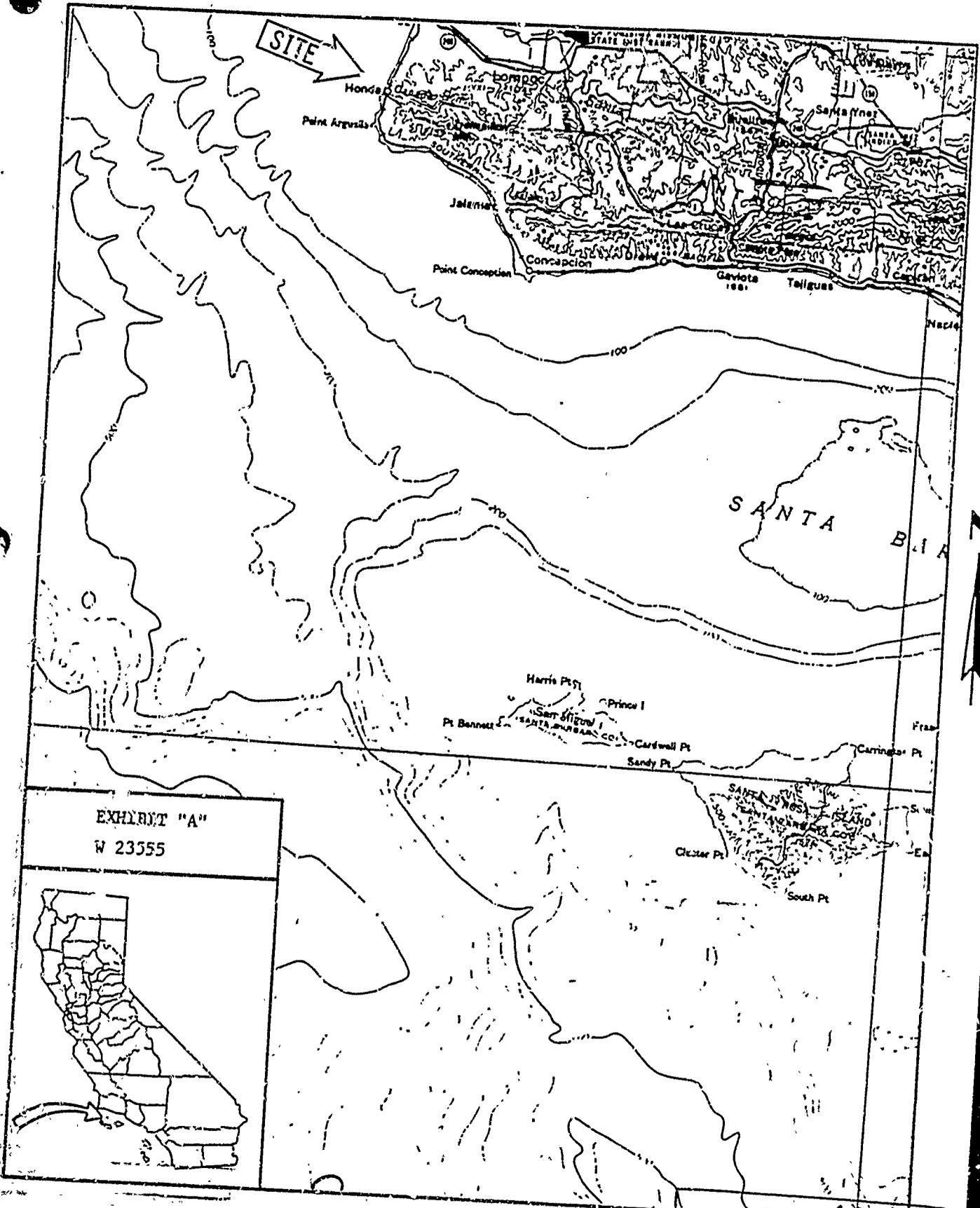


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PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

EIR ND 383

File Ref.: W 23555

SCH#: 85050810

Project title: Salvage of the Steam Side Wheeler "Yankee Blade"

Project Proponent: Mini Development Corp, Inc.

Project Location: In the Pacific Ocean off Point Sal, Santa Barbara County.

Project Description: Exploration and salvage will be performed by three or four qualified divers using state of the art scuba equipment with adequate recovery and support facilities. All shore activities will be conducted through the Vandenberg AFB facilities.

Contact Person: Ted T. Fukushima

Telephone: (916)322-7813

This document is prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000 et seq., Public Resources Code), the State CEQA Guidelines (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Administrative Code), and the State Lands Commission regulations (Section 2901 et seq., Title 2, California Administrative Code).

Based upon the attached Initial Study, it has been found that:

the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

mitigation measures included in the project will avoid potentially significant effects.

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MITIGATION MEASURES

The State Lands Commission provides the measures listed below as part of its salvage permits in order to assure protection to cultural values:

1. Whenever the State determines that an item found by the permittee should be preserved rather than sold, the item may be retained by the State.
2. The State has the first option to retain any item as set forth in No. 1 above.
3. Employees of the State of California and recognized specialists in the fields of history and archeology who meet the approval of the State Lands Commission shall have, at all reasonable times, the right to examine those items of personal property salvaged under the rights granted pursuant to this permit.
4. Permittee is required to keep a daily log containing a detailed record of all salvage operations conducted pursuant to this permit which includes the following:
 - a. Date and time of operation each day;
 - b. Names and occupations of all those participating in the salvage operation;
 - c. Equipment used;
 - d. Salvage method employed; and
 - e. A detailed description, including photographs, of all material recovered.
5. Permittee is required to have at the site, during all salvage operations, a person or persons designated by the State. These persons, according to their expertise in history and archeology, shall verify the quality of the historical artifacts. All costs and expenses incurred by such persons shall be paid by the permittee.
6. The permittee shall provide the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Office of the State Archeologist (OSA), Department of Parks and Recreation, an opportunity to review and approve the plan of operation of the salvage project prior to the commencement of any activities which would disturb or physically remove any objects.

Additional measures recommended by the SHPO and/or the OSA based on such review shall be incorporated into and made a part of the Salvage Permit.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM - Part I
(To be completed by applicant)
FORM 69.3 (11/82)

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name, address, and telephone number:

a. Applicant

Mini Development Corp, Inc.
2001 E. Flamingo Suite 100-M
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109
(702) 737-0776

b. Contact person if other than applicant:

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2. a. Project location: (Please reference to nearest town or community and include county)

Vandenberg, AFB

b. Assessor's parcel number: Unknown

3. Existing zoning of project site: Unknown

4. Existing land use of project site: None

5. Proposed use of site: None

6. Other permits required: None

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. For building construction projects, complete "ATTACHMENT A".

2. For non-building construction projects, describe fully, the proposed activity, its purpose and intended use, e.g. for proposed mineral prospecting permits, include the number of test holes, size of holes, amount of material to be excavated, maximum surface area of disturbance, location of test holes, etc. Attach maps or other drawings as necessary.

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C. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

1. Describe the project site as it exists before the project including information on topography, soil stability, plants and animals, and any cultural, historical, or scenic aspects. Describe any existing structures on the site, and the use of the structures.
2. Describe the surrounding properties, including information on plants and animals and any cultural, historical, or scenic aspects. Indicate the type of land use (residential, commercial, etc.), intensity of land use (one-family, apartment houses, shops, department stores, etc.), and scale of development (height, frontage, set-back, rear yard, etc.).

D. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Answer the following questions by placing a check in the appropriate box. Discuss all items checked "yes" or "maybe". (Attach additional sheets as necessary)

Will the project involve:

- | | YES | MAYBE | NO |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. a change in existing features of any bays, tidelands, beaches, lakes, or hills, or substantial alteration of ground contours? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. a change in scenic views or vistas from existing residential areas or public lands or roads? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. a change in pattern, scale, or character of the general area of project? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. a significant effect on plant or animal life? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. significant amounts of solid waste or litter? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. a change in dust, ash, smoke, fumes, or odors in the vicinity? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. a change in ocean, bay, lake, stream, or ground water quality or quantity, or alteration of existing drainage patterns? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. a change in existing noise or vibration levels in the vicinity? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. construction on filled land or on slope of 10 percent or more? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. use or disposal of potentially hazardous materials, such as toxic or radioactive substances, flammables, or explosives? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. a change in demand for municipal services (police, fire, water, sewage, etc.)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. an increase in fossil fuel consumption (electricity, oil, natural gas, etc.)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. a larger project or a series of projects? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

E. CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached exhibits present the data and information required for this initial evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: Jan 29, 1985

Signed: [Signature]

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C. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

1. The site is in about 20 to 50 feet of water. There is little kelp or marine life because of high turbidity caused by the waves and strong currents. The site is in and around wholly submerged rock reef, with typical but sparse and poor quality barnacle and rock dwelling life forms. There appears to be little shelter for marine life and no spawning, congregation, or sheltering activities have been observed.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST - PART II

Form 13.20 (7/82)

File Ref.: W 23555

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. Applicant: Mini Development Corp.

2001 E. Flamingo, Suite 100-M

Las Vegas, NE 89109

B. Checklist Date: 5 / 13 / 85

C. Contact Person: Teo T. Fukushima

Telephone: (910) 322-7813

D. Purpose: To satisfy vocational interests with prospects of some monetary rewards.

E. Location: In the Pacific Ocean, Arguello Reef near Point Sal, Santa Barbara County.

F. Description: The project involves the salvage of the steam side wheeler "Yankee Blade" which sank on October 1, 1854. The work will be performed by three or four qualified divers using state of the art scuba equipment with adequate recovery and support facilities.

G. Persons Contacted: Dick Mitsos - Dept. of Fish & Game

II. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. (Explain all "yes" and "maybe" answers)

A. Earth. Will the proposal result in:

- | | Yes | Maybe | No |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Unstable earth conditions or changes in geologic substructures? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Disruptions, displacements, compaction, or overcovering of the soil? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Change in topography or ground surface relief features? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. The destruction, covering, or modification of any unique geologic or physical features? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Any increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Changes in depositor or erosion of beach sands or changes in siltation, deposition or erosion which may affect the channel of rivers or streams or the bed of the ocean or any bay, inlet, or lake? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Exposure of all people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, failure, or similar hazards? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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- Yes Maybe No
- B. Air.** Will the proposal result in:
1. A substantial deterioration of ambient air quality?
 2. Alteration of air movement, moisture or temperature, or any change in dusts, fumes, odors, or regional haze?
- C. Water.** Will the proposal result in:
1. Changes in the currents, or the course or direction of water movements in either marine or fresh waters?
 2. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface water runoff?
 3. Alterations to the course or flow of flood waters?
 4. Change in the amount of surface water in any water body?
 5. Discharge into surface waters, or in any alteration of surface water quality, including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?
 6. Alteration of the direction or rate of flow of ground waters?
 7. Change in the quantity of ground waters, either through direct additions or withdrawals, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations?
 8. Substantial reduction in the amount of water otherwise available for public water supplies?
 9. Exposure of people or property to water-related hazards such as flooding or tidal waves?
 10. Significant changes in the temperature, flow or chemical content of surface thermal springs?
- D. Plant Life.** Will the proposal result in:
1. Change in the diversity of species, or number of any species of plants (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, and aquatic plants)?
 2. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of plants?
 3. Introduction of new species of plants into an area or in a barrier to the normal replenishment of existing species?
 4. Reduction in acreage of any agricultural crop?
- E. Animal Life.** Will the proposal result in:
1. Change in the diversity of species, or numbers of any species of animals (birds, land animals including reptiles, fish and shellfish, benthic organisms, or insects)?
 2. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of animals?
 3. Introduction of new species of animals into an area, or result in a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?
 4. Deterioration to existing fish or wildlife habitat?
- F. Noise.** Will the proposal result in:
1. Increase in existing noise levels?
 2. Exposure of people to severe noise levels?
- G. Light and Glare.** Will the proposal result in:
1. The production of new light or glare?
- H. Land Use.** Will the proposal result in:
1. A substantial alteration of the present or planned land use of an area?
- I. Natural Resources.** Will the proposal result in:
1. Increase in the rate of use of any natural resources?
 2. Substantial depletion of any nonrenewable resources?

1. A risk of an explosion or the release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to, oil, pesticides, chemicals, or radiation) in the event of an accident or upset conditions?
2. Possible interference with emergency response plan or an emergency evacuation plan?
- K. **Population.** Will the proposal result in:
1. The alteration, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of the area?
- L. **Housing.** Will the proposal result in:
1. Affecting existing housing, or create a demand for additional housing?
- M. **Transportation/Circulation.** Will the proposal result in:
1. Generation of substantial additional vehicular movement?
2. Affecting existing parking facilities or create a demand for new parking?
3. Substantial impact upon existing transportation systems?
4. Alterations to present patterns of circulation or movement of people and/or goods?
5. Alterations to waterborne, rail, or air traffic?
6. Increase in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicyclists, or pedestrians?
- N. **Public Services.** Will the proposal have an effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas:
1. Fire protection?
2. Police protection?
3. Schools?
4. Parks and other recreational facilities?
5. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?
6. Other governmental services?
- O. **Energy.** Will the proposal result in:
1. Use of substantial amounts of fuel or energy?
2. Substantial increase in demand upon existing sources of energy, or require the development of new sources?
- P. **Utilities.** Will the proposal result in a need for new systems, or substantial alterations to the following utilities:
1. Power or natural gas?
2. Communication systems?
3. Water?
4. Sewer or septic tanks?
5. Storm water drainage?
6. Solid waste and disposal?
- Q. **Human Health.** Will the proposal result in:
1. Creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard (excluding mental health)?
2. Exposure of people to potential health hazards?
- R. **Aesthetics.** Will the proposal result in:
1. The obstruction of any scenic vista or view open to the public, or will the proposal result in the creation of an aesthetically offensive site open to public view?
- S. **Recreation.** Will the proposal result in:
1. An impact upon the quality or quantity of existing recreational opportunities?

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I. Cultural Resources

Yes Maybe No

- 1. Will the proposed project result in the direct or indirect destruction of any prehistoric archaeological sites?
- 2. Will the proposed project result in adverse physical or aesthetic effects to a prehistoric or historic building, structure or object?
- 3. Does the proposed project have the potential to cause a physical change which would affect unique ethnographic or cultural values?
- 4. Will the proposed project restrict existing religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area?

U. Mandatory Findings of Significance.

- 1. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?
- 2. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals?
- 3. Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?
- 4. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

III. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION (See Comments Attached)

IV. PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described on an attached sheet have been added to the project. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

Date: 5 / 13 / 85

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 For the State Public Program
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III. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

- C-5 Minor localized turbidity is expected. However, due to the wave and strong currents within the project area, there should be minimal impacts to the environment.
- T-1 The salvage operation will involve the removal of objects which may have historical significance. However, mitigation measures included as permit conditions should minimize the impacts to the cultural values.
- T-2 same as T-1 above.
- U-1 and U-2 Essentially the same response as T-1 above.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

NAME: Yankee Blade

DESCRIPTION: Steam Side Wheeler

LOCATION: Offshore Point Sal, Santa Barbara County

DATE OF WRECKAGE: October 1, 1854

TONNAGE: 1,767

LAUNCH DATE: 1853, New York

Source: Henry Shanks, et al
Vandenberg AFB

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