

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C20
was approved by the Minute Item
No. 118 of the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 2
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AUTHORIZATION TO EXTRACT A MAXIMUM OF
TWELVE SOIL CORE SAMPLES FOR THE PURPOSE OF
GEOTECHNICAL STUDY IN ORANGE COUNTY

APPLICANT: Woodward-Clyde Consultants
Acting as agent for Signal Bolsa Corporation
203 North Golden Circle Drive
Santa Ana, California 92705

AREA, TYPE LANDS AND LOCATION:
Tide and submerged and proprietary lands under
the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission,
Bolsa-Chica area, Orange County.

PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION:
Authorization to extract maximum of twelve soil
core samples to provide information and data
for a geotechnical study in Orange County.

TERM: The project is to be conducted during the
Summer and Fall of 1986.

PROPOSED PROJECT:
Woodward-Clyde Engineering, acting as
subcontractors to Signal-Bolsa Corporation
proposes to take a total of 109 soil core
samples in the Bolsa Chica area for the purpose
of conducting geotechnical studies on
liquefaction, near-surface faulting, soil
compaction and other soil characteristics.
These studies are being conducted by
Signal-Bolsa Corporation to provide scientific
and technical data in response to questions
asked by the California Division of Mines and
Geology and the California Coastal Commission
in the process of their reviews of a proposed
marine, residential and commercial development

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in the area. Twelve of the soil samples are to be taken on lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission.

In response to concerns expressed by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), Woodward-Clyde has agreed to subject all 109 sampling sites to the review and approval of CDFG. Specifically, a wildlife biologist will have the authority to prohibit or resite the taking of soil samples wherever the project could destroy sensitive habitat, especially Least Tern Nesting areas. Most of the 109 soil sampling sites are proposed for dry upland sites or on the edges of existing roads and dikes which are not considered likely nesting areas for the Least Terns.

The proposed project specifically incorporates procedures to ensure that sensitive habitats are not adversely impacted, and the study is being conducted for information gathering only.

Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorical exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, Information Collection, 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2905.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

Required statutory filing fee and expense deposit.

STATUTORY REFERENCES:

- A. P.R.C. Section 6826.
- B. Cal. Adm. Code, Title 2, Article 2.9, Section 222C.

AB 884: 12/15/86.

EXHIBITS: A. Project Vicinity Map.

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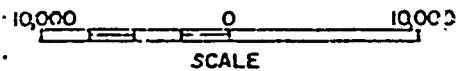
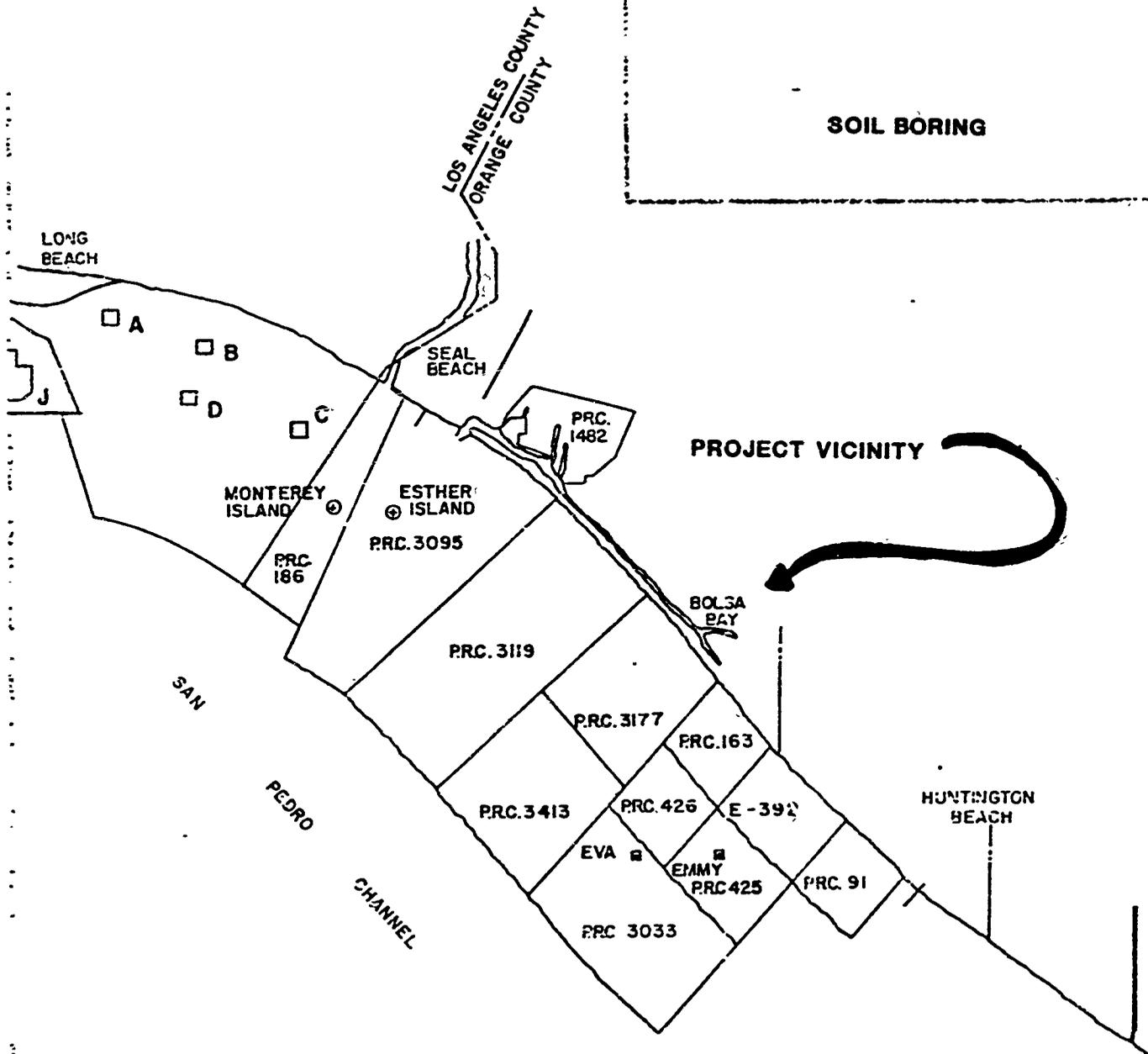
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14. CAL. ADM. CODE 15061, AS A CATEGORICAL EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6 (PRC 12085; CAL. ADM. CODE 15100, ET. SEQ.).
2. AUTHORIZE WOODWARD-CLYDE CONSULTANTS, ON BEHALF OF SIGNAL-BOLSA CORPORATION, TO TAKE UP TO TWELVE SOIL CORE SAMPLES ON LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION DURING THE SUMMER AND FALL OF 1986, SUCH SOIL SAMPLES AS DESCRIBED IN THE PROJECT SUBMITTED FOR PERMIT ARE TO BE TAKEN ONLY AFTER OBTAINING ALL OTHER REQUIRED PERMITS AND ONLY AFTER SITE SPECIFIC CONSULTATION WITH AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME.

EXHIBIT A

BOLSA CHICA AREA ORANGE COUNTY

SOIL BORING



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