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APPROVAL OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION

APPLICANT: Ecosystems Management Associates, Inc.
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PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION:
Approval of a Non-Exclusive Geological Permit for three years to conduct geological surveys on tide and submerged lands under the ownership jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission out to the three-mile limit, within permit regions I, II, III and IV as depicted on Exhibit "A" hereto.

TERM: The term of the Non-Exclusive Geological Survey Permit is three years.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:
Required statutory filing fee, expense deposit, and performance bond.

STATUTORY REFERENCES:
A. P.R.C. Section 6826.

B. Cal. Adm. Code, Title 2, Section 2905(e)(3).

C. Cal. Adm. Code, Title 14, Section 15061.

AB 884: 05/06/87.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The geological surveys authorized under the terms of the permit are for the purpose of obtaining shallow samples of the seafloor for geotechnical information. The data obtained is used in the design of offshore structures (pipelines, marine terminals, platforms, etc.) and in the technical and environmental analyses of offshore oil and gas operations.

   The shallow samples are obtained using nonrotary techniques (dart, jet, percussion, grab) from an anchored self-contained vessel. The vessel is typically no larger (50 to 150 feet in length, six-foot draft) than fishing boats used in the Santa Barbara Channel.

2. 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 person nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the permit as part of the program for the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

3. 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 categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, the collection of data for information purposes where minimal or no disturbance of State land is involved, 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2905 (Class 6).

EXHIBIT: A. Permit Regions.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061 AS A CATEGORICAL EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6 (P.R.C. 21084; CAL. ADM. CODE 15100, ET. SEQ.).

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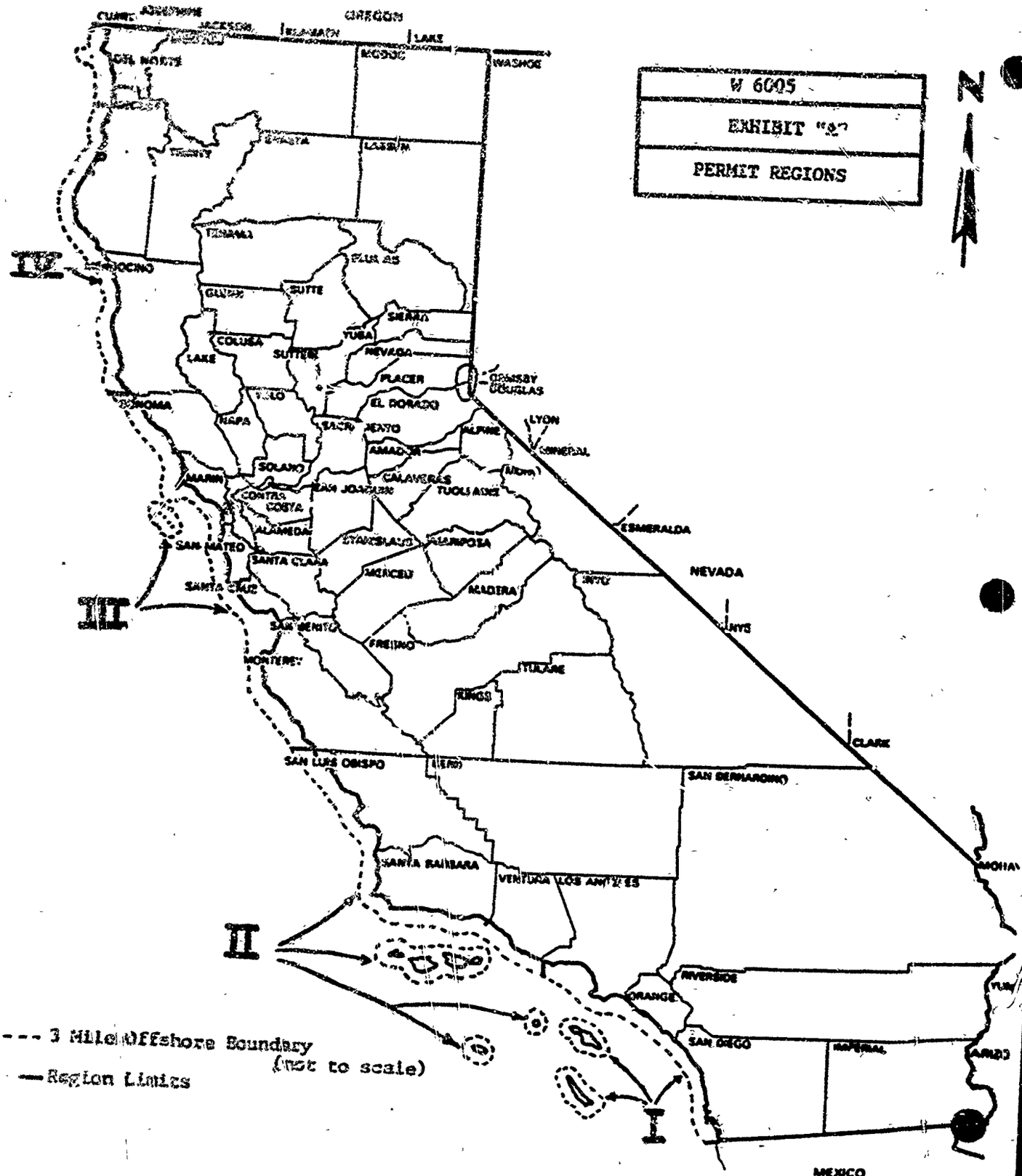
2. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY AS PROPOSED IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATIONS DESIGNATED FOR THE LANDS PURSUANT TO P.R.C. 6370. ET SEQ.

3. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO ECOSYSTEMS MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, INC. OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 22, 1987 THROUGH JANUARY 21, 1990 WITHIN PERMIT REGIONS I, II, III AND IV AS DEFINED ON EXHIBIT "A" HERETO.



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