

MINUTE ITEM

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**APPROVAL OF A GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY PERMIT FOR STATE-OWNED
TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS IN THE SAN JOAQUIN DELTA,
SACRAMENTO, CONTRA COSTA AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTIES**

APPLICANT: CGG American Services, Inc.
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PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION:

Approval of a Geophysical Survey Permit to conduct geophysical seismic studies along seven lines totaling 110 miles in length crossing private uplands and State-owned waterways in the San Joaquin Delta Area of San Joaquin, Contra Costa and Sacramento Counties.

TYPE OF LAND: The State lands subject to this permit are those tide and submerged lands in the waterways crossed by the seven seismic survey lines. The major waterways include the San Joaquin River, Stockton Deep Water Channel, Mokelumne River and White Slough.

TERM: The term of the Geophysical Survey Permit shall be from December 1, 1987 through March 31, 1989.

PROJECT: CGG American Services, Inc. has proposed conducting a geophysical seismic survey in the San Joaquin Delta Area of San Joaquin, Contra Costa and Sacramento Counties. The survey will be performed in seven lines totaling approximately 110 miles as shown in the accompanying map of Exhibit "A". The survey lines will cross privately owned uplands and portions of State-owned waters. Approximately

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3650 four-inch diameter holes will be drilled on 165-foot centers to a depth of 50-100 feet. The holes may be loaded with a 5-pound explosive charge and/or geophone instrumentation. The hole will be backfilled with bentonite to seal the hole.

CGG is coordinating this project with all the affected land owners, trustee agencies, such as the Department of Fish and Game and Reclamation Districts, and other permitting and responsible local agencies listed in Attachment D of the Negative Declaration, Exhibit "B".

Special operating conditions have been developed by the Reclamation Districts and the Department of Fish and Game to eliminate any hazard to the levees, wildlife and habitat crossed by the survey lines and are reflected in the survey as proposed. Special permits and monitoring of the operations by Department of Fish and Game (DFG) personnel will be required for sensitive areas as determined by DFG. The geophysical information to be acquired is for the use of the oil and gas industry and, possibly, may benefit the State as an aid in development of the State's resources from adjacent private lands.

BOND: Applicant will submit a faithful performance bond of \$25,000 in favor of the State.

STATUTORY REFERENCES:

- A. P.R.C. 6826.
- B. 14 Cal. Adm. Code, Title II, Article 2.9, Section 15250 et. seq.
- C. P.R.C. 21080.5 and CEQA Guidelines, Section 15250 et. seq.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15025), the staff has prepared a Negative Declaration EIR ND 428, State Clearing house #87102705 such Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review pursuant to the provision of the CEQA. A copy of this environmental document is attached as Exhibit "B".

Based upon the initial study, the 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)).

2. This activity involves lands identified as processing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370 et. seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the Department of Fish and Game and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with the use classification.

EXHIBITS:

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

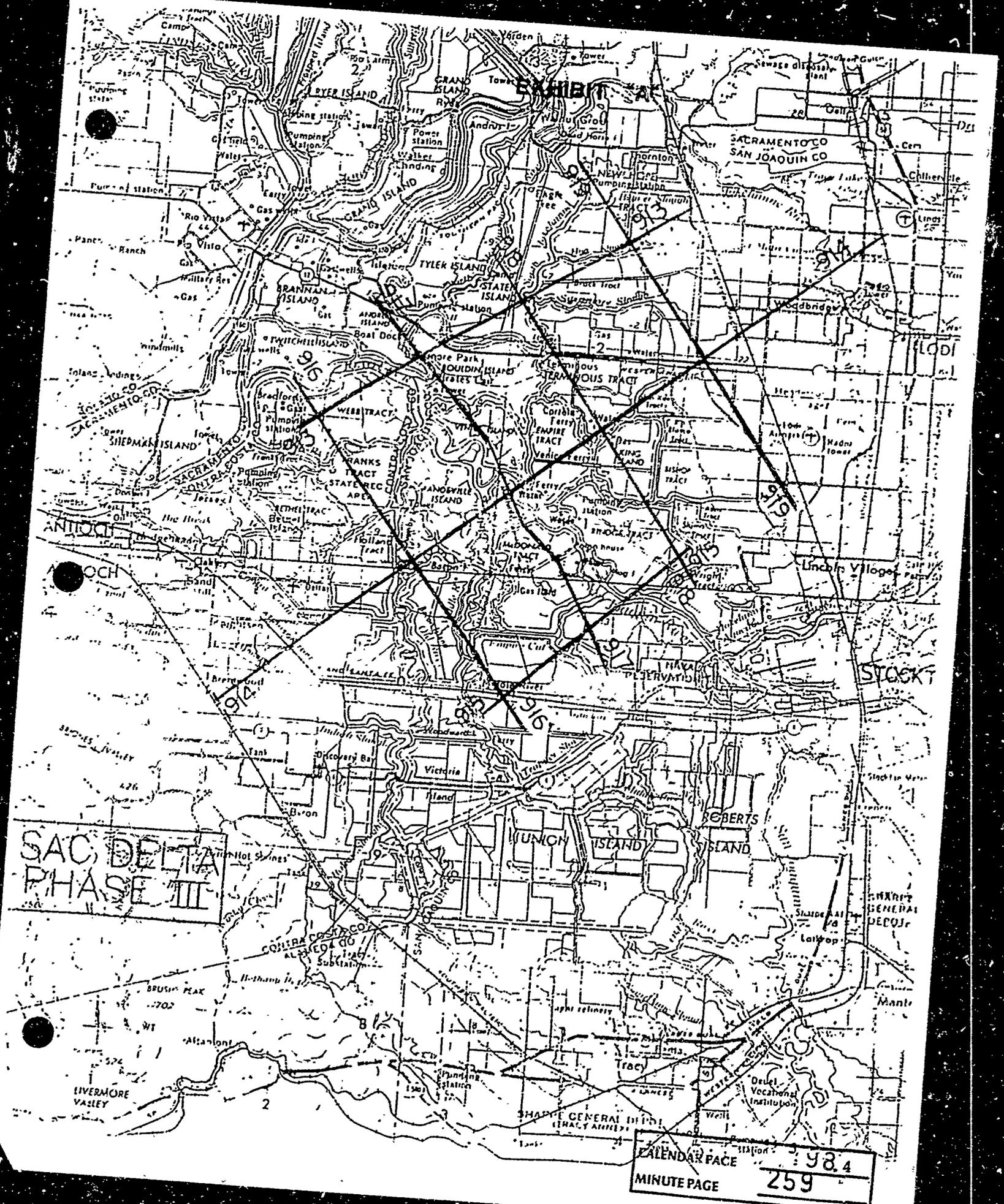
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. CERTIFY THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION EIR ND 428 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #87102705, 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 PROPOSED, 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. 6383 ET. SEQ.

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- 4 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE TO CGG AMERICAN SYSTEM, INC. OF A PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOPHYSICAL SEISMIC SURVEYS ON STATE-OWNED TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS IN THE SAN JOAQUIN DELTA AREA OF SACRAMENTO, CONTRA COSTA AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTIES FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 1987 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1989.

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