

MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. 21
was approved as Minute Item
No. 21 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 4-12-88
meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

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GENERAL PERMIT - PUBLIC AGENCY

APPLICANT: State of California Department
of Fish and Game
Attn: Ronald E. Powell
P.O. Box B D
Blythe, California 92226

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:
A 311±-acre parcel of sovereign land located at
Goose Flats and Big Hole areas adjacent to the
Colorado River near Blythe, Riverside County.

LAND USE: Habitat-restoration project involving
revegetation.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:
Initial period: Ten years beginning May 1,
1988.

CONSIDERATION: The public use and benefit; with the State
reserving the right at any time to set a
monetary rental if the Commission finds such
action to be in the State's best interest.

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

APPLICANT STATUS:
N/A.

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

STATUTOR, 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:

07/02/88.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Wild fires in 1987 caused loss of large acreages of State-owned habitat along the Colorado River. The fire burned the island in the Big Hole backwater and the south half of the Goose Flats State Wildlife Area. The County of Riverside, under a Public Agency Permit from the Commission (PRC 5156.9), operates a day-use recreational area at Goose Flats focusing on fish and wildlife values. By a Joint Management Plan entered into with the County, the Department of Fish and Game was to perform habitat-enhancement projects in the area as funds and manpower became available. However, in the face of the disastrous fires, emergency restoration of lost habitat communities is now required.

The project consists of the restoration and reestablishment of a burned riparian vegetative community consisting of Cottonwood-Willow-Mesquite. Some grading and recontouring will be done. Following site preparation, an irrigation system will be laid out. The actual tree planting holes will be augered to the depth of the water table and the trees planted in the augered holes. Fencing will be installed to protect the seedlings from predation. An appropriate irrigation schedule will be developed and the area will be inspected frequently to make sure the fence is intact and to ensure that unwanted vegetation is not affecting the seedlings.

2. Staff of the Commission recommends waiver of the \$450 processing cost for this transaction; the State's sovereign lands will share in the benefits of this habitat restoration and revegetation project.
3. The annual rental value of the site is estimated to be \$83,970.
4. This activity involves lands which have NOT been identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370, et seq. However, the Commission has declared that all tide and submerged lands are "significant" by nature of their public ownership (as opposed to "environmental significant"). Since such declaration of significance is not based upon the requirements and criteria of P.R.C. 6370, et seq., use classifications for such lands have not been designated. Therefore, the finding of the project's consistency with the use classification as required by 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2954 is not applicable.
5. 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 4, Minor Alteration to Land, 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15304.

Authority: P.R.C. 21084 and 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15300.

APPROVALS OBTAINED: County of Riverside.

FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:
N/A.

EXHIBITS: A. Site Map.
B. Location 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 4, MINOR ALTERATION TO LAND, 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15304;
2. WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR PAYMENT OF \$450 PROCESSING COST; AND
3. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME OF A TEN-YEAR GENERAL PERMIT - PUBLIC AGENCY USE BEGINNING MAY 1, 1988; IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC USE AND BENEFIT, WITH THE STATE RESERVING THE RIGHT AT ANY TIME TO SET A MONETARY RENTAL IF THE COMMISSION FINDS SUCH ACTION TO BE IN THE STATE'S BEST INTEREST; FOR A HABITAT-RESTORATION PROJECT INVOLVING REVEGETATION ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

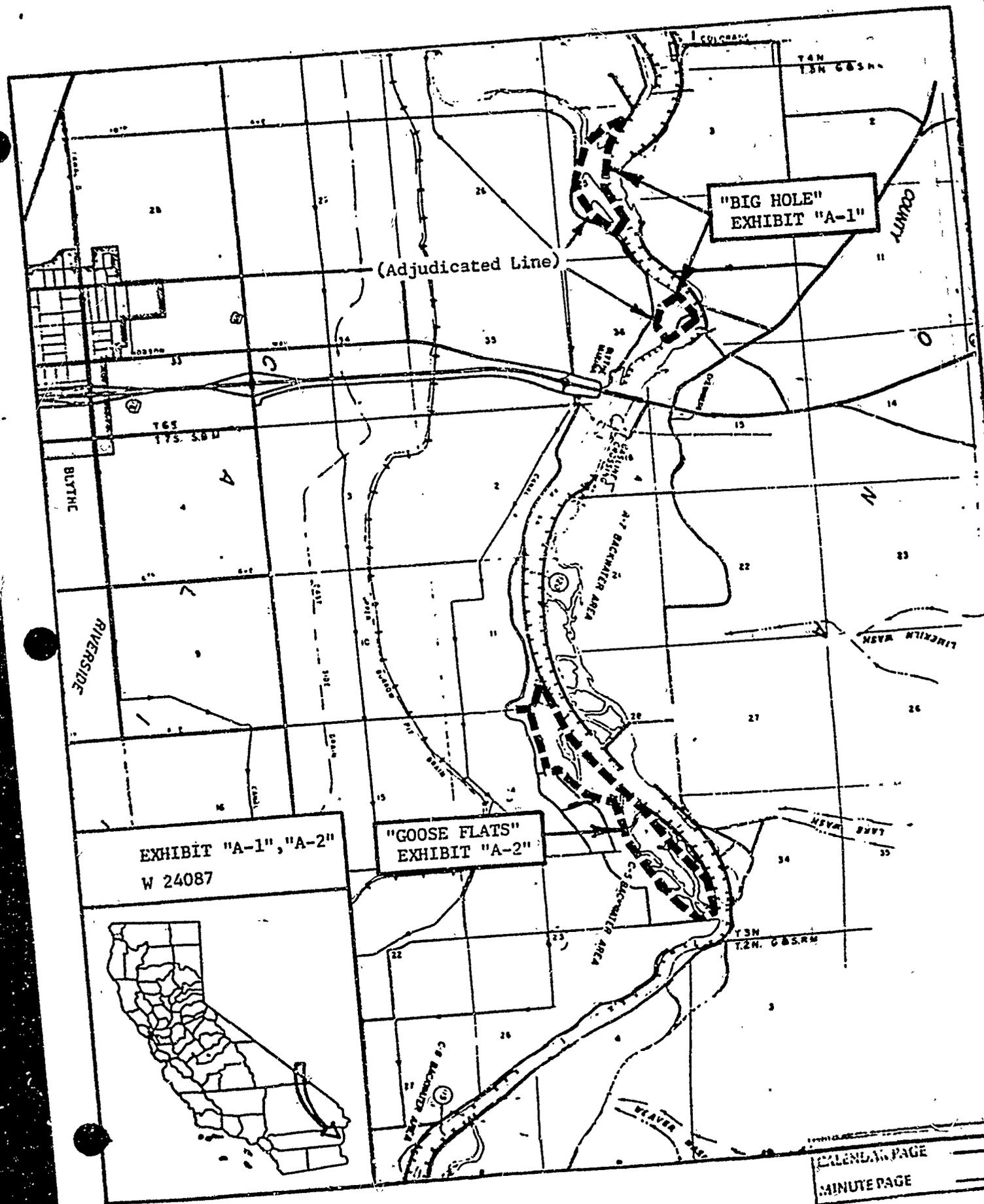


EXHIBIT "A-1", "A-2"
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"GOOSE FLATS"
EXHIBIT "A-2"

"BIG HOLE"
EXHIBIT "A-1"



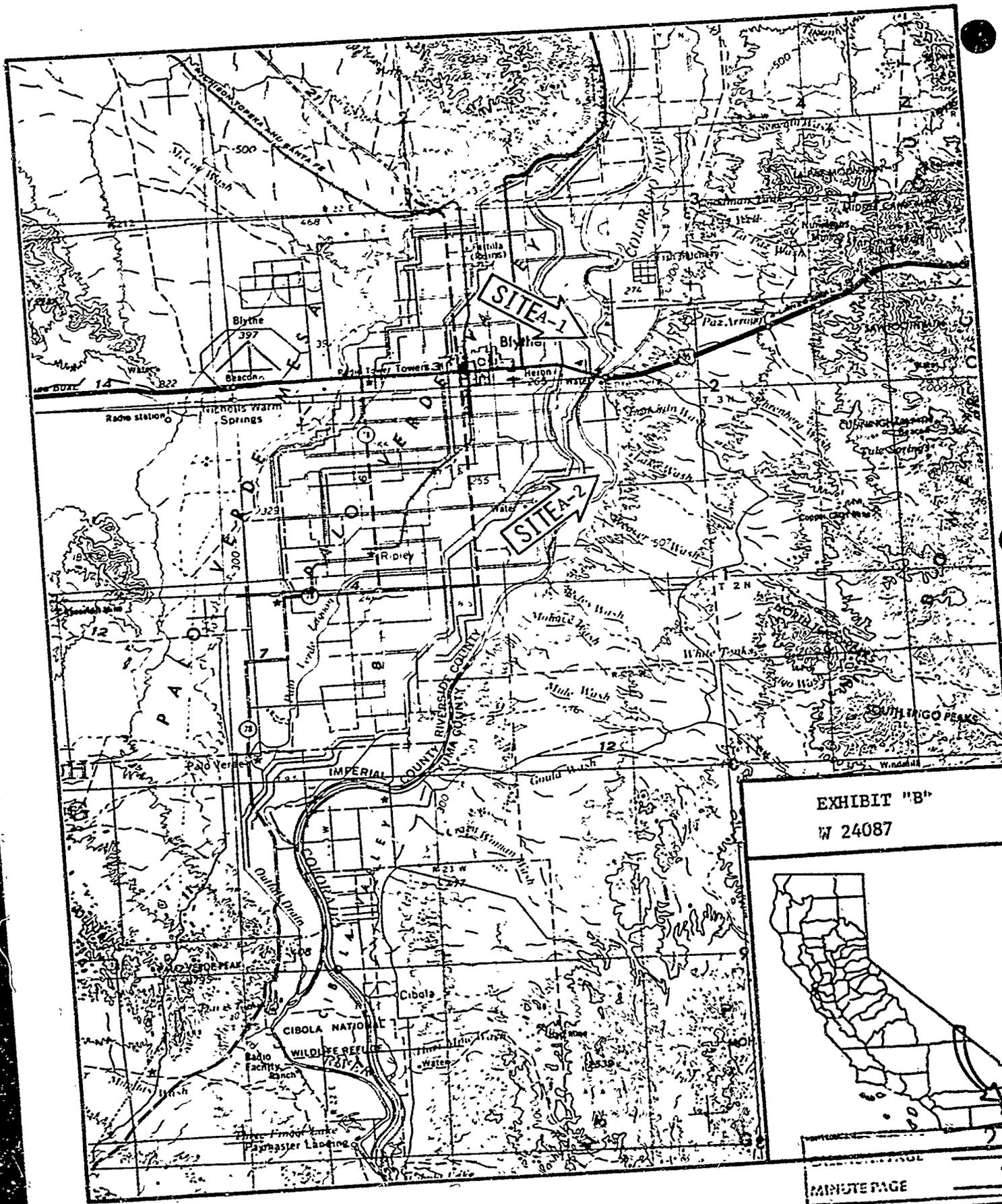


EXHIBIT "B"
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