

MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C27
was approved as Minute Item
No. 1 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 2
to 0 at its 9/27/90
meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

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09/27/90
PRC 6841
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AMENDMENT OF GENERAL PERMIT - PUBLIC AGENCY USE

PERMITTEE: State of Arizona - Arizona State Parks Board
1688 West Adams
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:
A strip of land located in the southern half of
the Colorado River within Yuma Crossing State
Park, in the city of Yuma, State of Arizona.

LAND USE:
The improvement of five existing fire lines and
construction of two new fire lines for the
control of wildfires which, in the past, have
caused extensive damage to riparian vegetation
and threatened adjacent property.

TERMS OF ORIGINAL PERMIT:
Initial period: Forty-nine (49) years
beginning May 9, 1985.
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.

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APPLICANT STATUS:

Applicant is owner of upland.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Parts 1 and 2; Div. 13.

B. Cal. Code Regs.: Title 2, Div. 3;
Title 14, Div. 6.

AB 884: 03/11/91.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 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 4, Minor Alteration to Land, 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15304.

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

2. Riparian habitat within the leased area has been impacted by man's activities in the past and are now threatened by frequent fires. Also, concerns about the high number of fires in the area and the difficulty of fighting those fires have led the City of Yuma Fire Department to contact the Yuma Crossing Park officials about formulating a joint plan for fire protection.

The result of that planning effort was the recommendation that improvement of five existing clearings for use as access for fire fighting equipment and personnel, and the construction of two new fire lines would enhance the ability to fight fires and offer protection to riparian vegetation and to the adjacent community property from fires.

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APPROVALS OBTAINED:

City of Yuma and State of Arizona Game and Fish
Department.

FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:

None.

EXHIBITS:

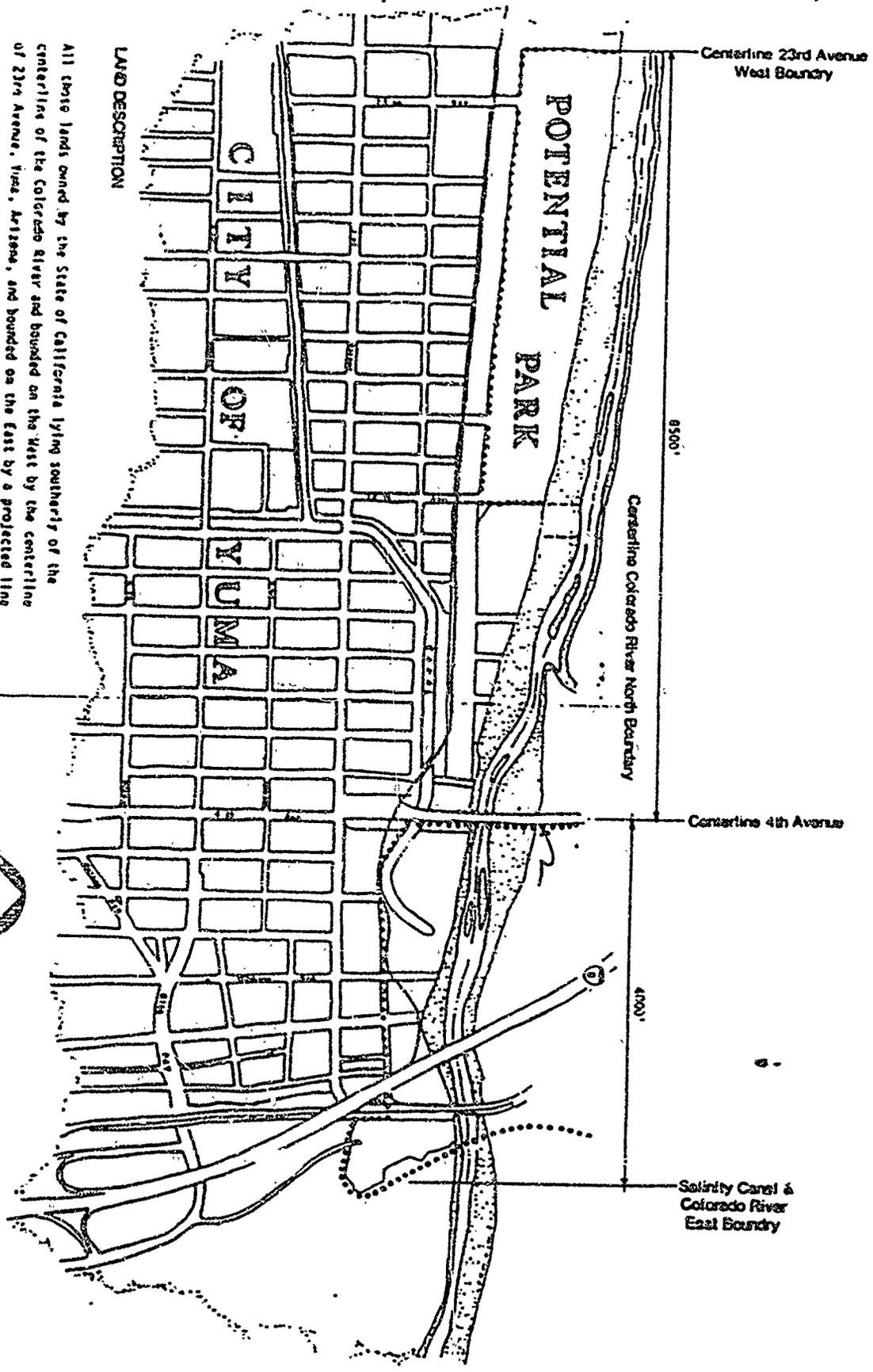
- A. Land Description.
- B. Location Map.
- C. Local Approval Letter

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 4, MINOR ALTERATION TO LAND, 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15304.

3. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO STATE OF ARIZONA - ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD OF AN AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC AGENCY PERMIT NO. PRC 6841, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1990; IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND SAFETY 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 THE IMPROVEMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND USE OF FIVE EXISTING FIRE LINES AND THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND USE OF TWO NEW FIRE LINES ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

All those lands owned by the State of California lying southerly of the centerline of the Colorado River and bounded on the West by the centerline of 23rd Avenue, Yuma, Arizona, and bounded on the East by a projected line 1000 feet east and parallel to the centerline of 4th Avenue, Yuma, Arizona, more specifically identified as the general area below: Prison Hill and the intersection of the Salinity Canal and Colorado River.



LAND DESCRIPTION

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EXHIBIT "A"
LAND DESCRIPTION

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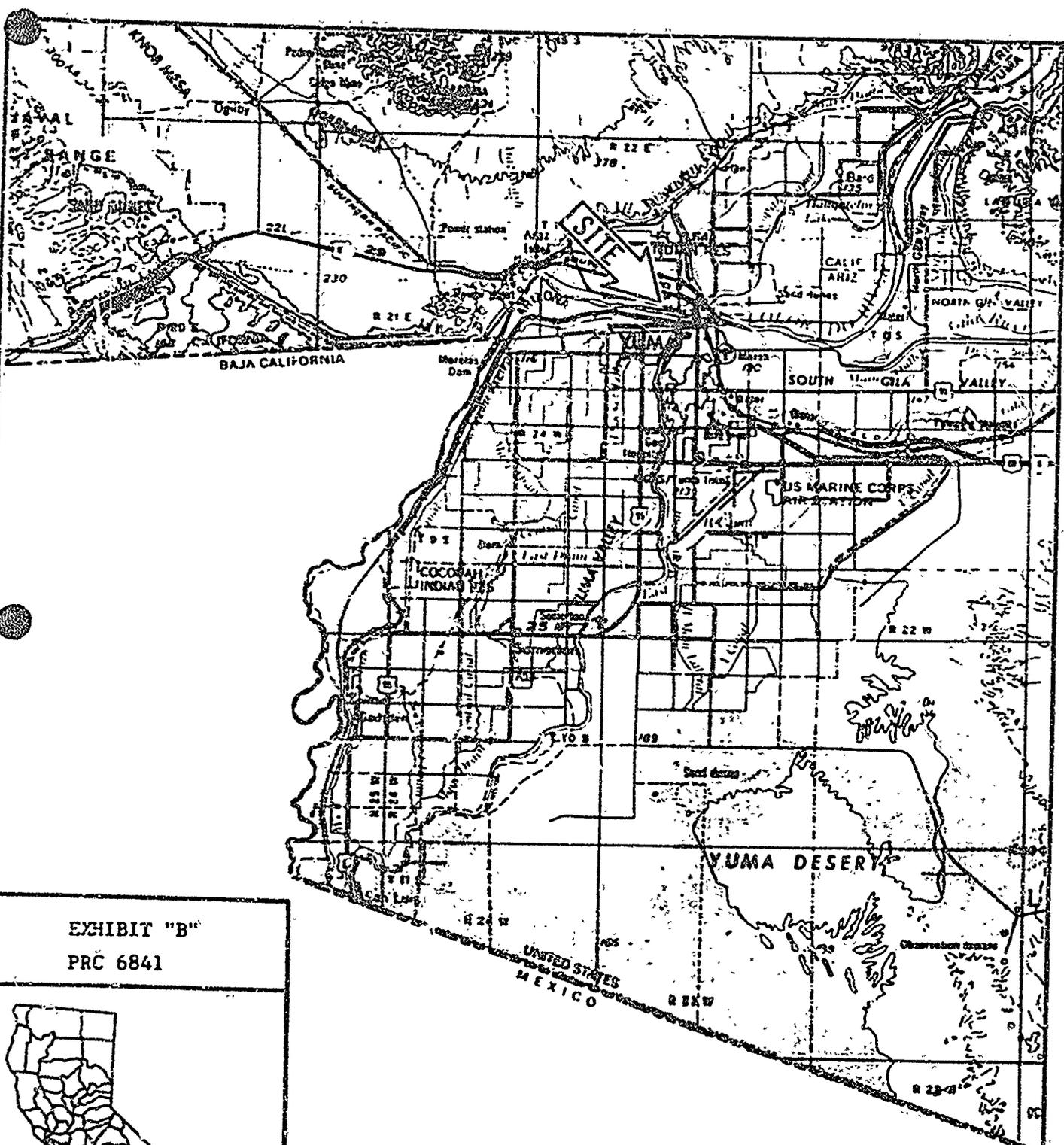


EXHIBIT "B"
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CITY OF YUMA

City Administrator's Office, 180 West First Street
Yuma, AZ 85364 (602) 783-1271

August 9, 1990

State of California Lands Commission
1807 13th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Sirs:

The City of Yuma supports the request of the State of Arizona Parks Department to maintain existing fire lines and to construct two new fire lines on the Colorado River accreted lands on the northern City limits of the City of Yuma, Arizona. The City of Yuma grants the State of Arizona Parks Department and other involved agencies permission to cross City-owned property to gain access to Colorado River accreted lands for the purpose of constructing and maintaining fire lines.

The City of Yuma Fire Department has been working closely with the State of Arizona Parks Department and other involved agencies in this project. It is expected the construction and maintenance of the fire lines will reduce severity of fire in the area, help prevent the spread of fire to adjacent properties and preserve the flora and fauna native to the area.

Sincerely,

Bob Norton
Acting City Administrator
City of Yuma

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