MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C25
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No. 25 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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09/23/92
W 24882
Fong
PRC 7650

PUBLIC AGENCY PERMIT

APPLICANT:

U. S. Geological Survey
Water Resources Division,
Hydrodynamics Group
2800 Cottage Way, Room W2235
Sacramento, California 95825

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

Tide and submerged lands located at five sites within the Sacramento River, Three-Mile Slough, and San Joaquin River, Sacramento, Contra Costa, and Solano counties.

LAND USE:

Installation of monitoring equipment for the gathering of river flow data.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:

Initial period:
Ten (10) years beginning September 24, 1992.

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. Code Regs. 2003.

APPLICANT STATUS:

Applicant is permittee of upland.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

Filing fee and processing costs have been received.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

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

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

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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 6, Information Collection, 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2905(e)(5).

   Authority: P.R.C. 21084, 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15300, and 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2905.

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 persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

3. The U.S.G.S. proposes to install water-flow, monitoring equipment and water-level gauges to measure river flow of the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers at five locations within the Delta. The U.S.G.S. is a member of an eight-agency Interagency Ecological Studies Program (IESP) for the San Francisco Bay/Delta. The river flow data gathered from these sites will be available to the IESP and will aid them in their study of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Estuary.

   The instruments will be located on 15-inch-diameter wooden pilings driven into 20 feet of water. Generally, the pilings will be placed within 30 feet of the shore. They will not constitute hazards to navigation. Reflective signs will be affixed to the pilings.

The U.S.G.S. has applied for permits with the State Reclamation Board and California Department of Fish and Game.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:
United States Army Corps of Engineers.

FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:
Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish and Game, and State Reclamation Board.

EXHIBITS:
A. Land Description
B. Location Map

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 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION, 2 CAL. CODE REGS. 2905(e)(5).

2. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO P.R.C. 6370, ET SEQ.

3. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, HYDRODYNAMICS GROUP, OF A TEN-YEAR PUBLIC AGENCY PERMIT, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 24, 1992, 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 THE INSTALLATION OF MONITORING EQUIPMENT FOR THE GATHERING OF RIVER-FLOW DATA ON THE LANDS DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED, AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

EXHIBIT "A"

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LAND DESCRIPTION

Those parcels of tide and submerged land at five (5) sites in the beds of the San Joaquin River, the Sacramento River, and Threemile Slough in, San Joaquin Sacramento, and Solano Counties, California, lying immediately beneath instruments, cables, buoys and piles, as shown on maps designated "File Ref: W 24882", copies of said maps are located in said file, in the State Lands Commission office in Sacramento, California; said 5 sites are more particularly described as follows:

Site 1 Sacramento River mile 28.0 per "Sacramento Valley Flood Control System" map file no. 6-18-2199, sheet 23 of 100, revised as of 9-29-89 (USCE& DWR Rec. Board).

Site 2 Sacramento River mile 26.3 per "Sacramento Valley Flood Control System" map file no. 6-18-2199, sheet 22 of 100, revised as of 9-29-89 (USCE& DWR Rec. Board).

Site 3 Threemile Slough 1100 feet from its junction with its junction with the San Joaquin River per "Sacramento valley Flood Control System" map file no. 50-18-5846, sheet 30 of 137, revised as of 3-15-91 (USCE& DWR Rec. Board)..

Site 4 San Joaquin River mile 12.6 per "Conditions Soundings Orthophoto" file no. 51-14-1282, sheet 34 of 42, dated June 92 (USCE).

Site 5 Sacramento River mile 5.1 per "Sacramento Valley Flood Control System" map file no. 6-18-2199, sheet 3 of 100, revised as of 9-29-89 (USCE & DWR Rec. Board).

END OF DESCRIPTION

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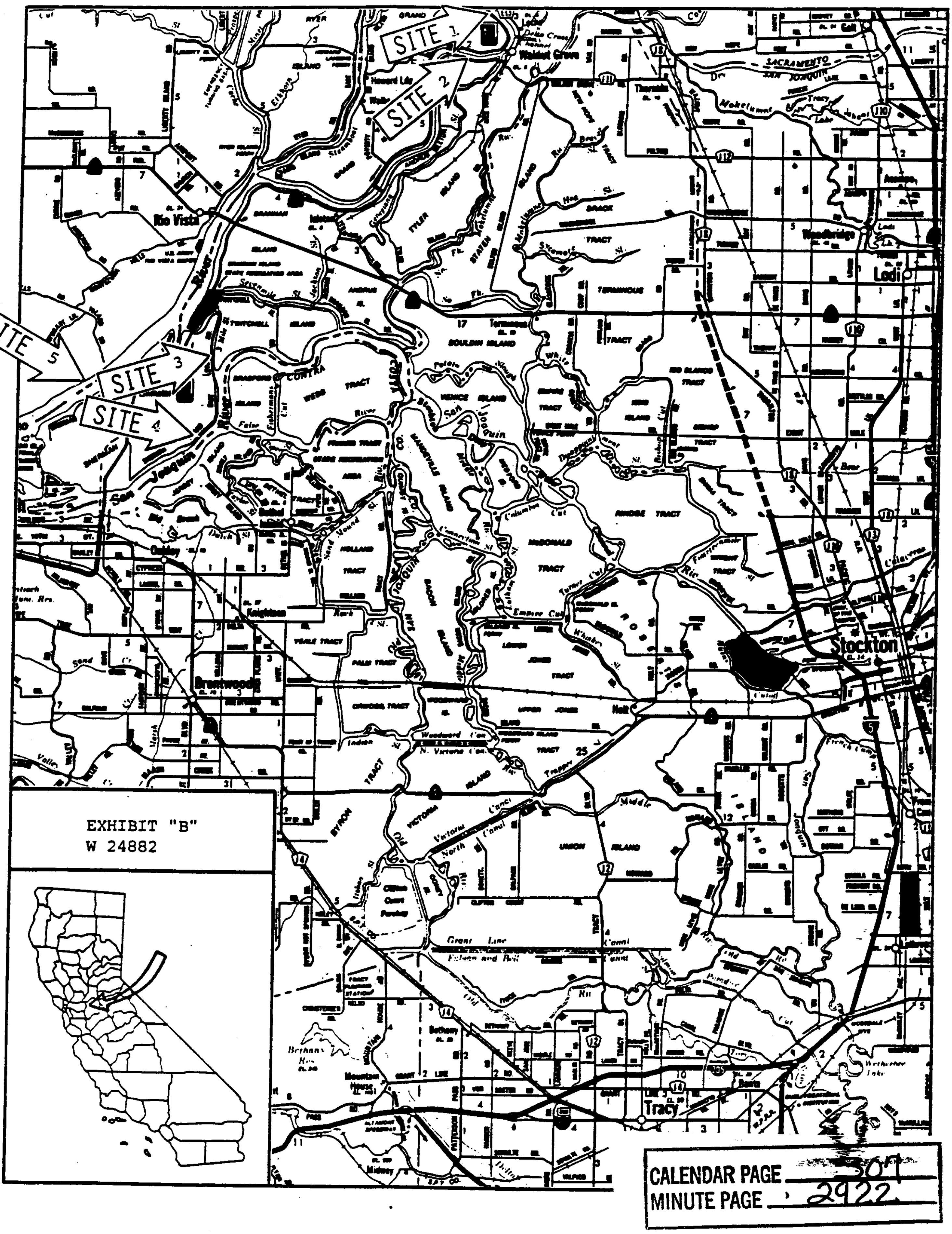

EXHIBIT "B"
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