

MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C34
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No. 34 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 2-28-93
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CALENDAR ITEM

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TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP "STREAM ANCHOR"

PARTY:

Monterey Maritime Museum
5 Custom House Plaza
Monterey CA 93940

BACKGROUND:

On or about October 1, 1992 while diving as part of the Marine Rescue team, Pacific Grove Police Chief, Dan Maudlin, recovered a large "stream" anchor from its resting place near Commercial Wharf #2 in Monterey Harbor. The anchor which he "gave" to the Museum is now on display in front of its new facility. Its shaft is 12 feet 6 inches long and it measures 6 feet across its stock and between its fluke tips. Its weight is estimated at 7,000 lbs. The anchor dates from the period between 1830 and 1850 and as such is a historic maritime artifact. An Associated Press picture from the Sacramento Bee of October 14th is attached as Exhibit "A".

After appearance of the picture in the Bee, Donna Penwell, Director of the Museum, was contacted by staff and when advised indicated that she was unaware of the State's ownership of the anchor or of the necessity for a permit to recover it. She requested that the Museum be permitted to retain the anchor for display. A formal request, as well as an explanation of the recovery, was received in a letter of November 30, 1992 and is attached as Exhibit "B". The Museum has agreed to preserve the anchor and continue its public display.

Staff recommends that the title to the anchor, which is vested in the State and in the custody of the Commission, pursuant to P.R.C. 6313 (a), be transferred under authority of that Section to the Maritime Museum of Monterey. It is recommended that title, rather than custody, be transferred to limit the State's future liability.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. P.R.C. 6313 (a) provides: The title to all abandoned shipwrecks and all archaeological sites and historic resources on or in the tide and submerged land of California is vested in the State. All abandoned shipwrecks and all submerged archaeological sites and submerged historic resources of the State shall be in the custody and subject to the control of the Commission for the benefit of the people of the State of California. The Commission may transfer title, custody, or control to other State agencies or recognized scientific or educational organizations, institutions, or individuals by appropriate legal conveyance.

2. The Maritime Museum of Monterey at the Stanton Center is a project of the Monterey History and Art Association, a non-profit public benefit corporation, and features the Allen Knight maritime collection. It is housed in a new 18,000-square foot facility located on Monterey's waterfront in the Stanton Center. The museum exhibits explore the region's maritime heritage, from the Ohlone Indians and Spanish conquistadors, to Monterey's era as the Sardine Capital of the World. Its show piece is a historic "Fresnel" lens of the Point Sur Lighthouse which illuminates the museum, with its 1,000 prisms serving as a beacon to the seven exhibit areas on two levels. It also contains a 4,000 volume maritime research library and a ship model building workshop and provides educational programs for teachers and students.

3. 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 because the activity is not a "project" as defined by CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

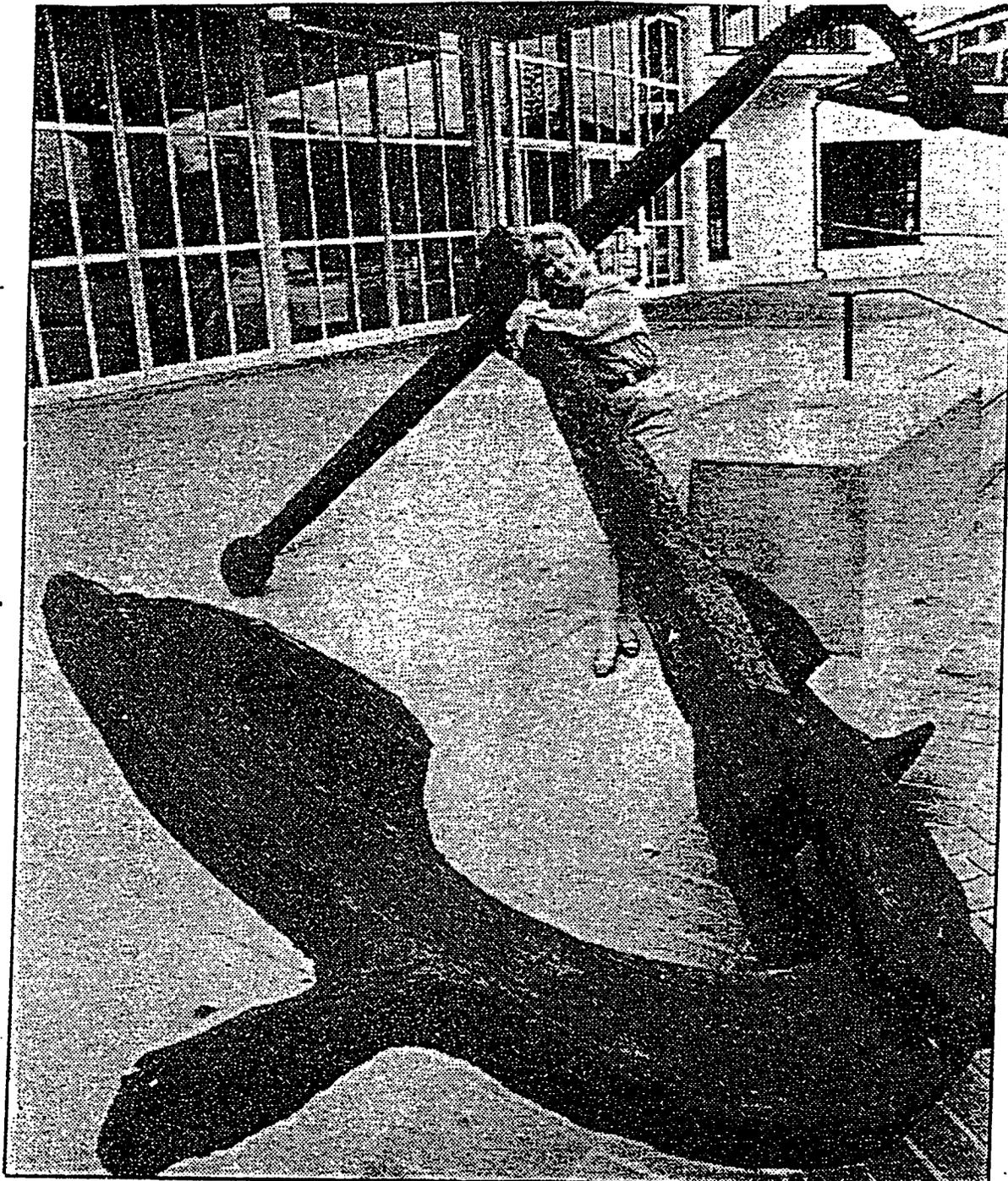
Authority: P.R.C. 21065 and 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15378.

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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. CODE REGS. 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15378.
2. AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP (TITLE) OF THE STREAM ANCHOR TO THE MARITIME MUSEUM OF MONTEREY FOR PERMANENT PUBLIC DISPLAY.



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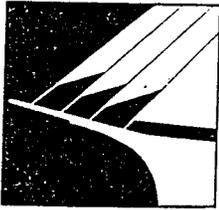
Anchored down

Maritime Museum of Monterey director Donna Penwell shows off a 150-year-old anchor that was found by an amateur diver in 30 feet of water near a Monterey wharf. Penwell said the museum removed the anchor Monday, the last artifact allowed out of the bay because it has been declared a marine sanctuary. The 7,000-pound anchor was placed outside the museum Tuesday.

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EXHIBIT "A"

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MARITIME
MUSEUM OF
MONTEREY

November 30, 1992

Home of the Allen Knight Collection

A project of the Monterey History
and Art Association, Ltd.

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Mr. Peter Pelkofer
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State Lands Commission
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Dear Mr. Pelkofer,

Recently you inquired about the photograph of a large anchor which appeared in your local paper. The twelve foot anchor, weighing approximately 7,000 lbs., was donated to the Maritime Museum just a few weeks before we opened in our new home, The Stanton Center.

The anchor was donated to the Museum by the Police Chief of Pacific Grove, Dan Maudlin on October 1, 1992. Chief Maudlin is part of the Marine Rescue Team here on the Peninsula and so is a experienced diver. When he called me in September, the Chief indicated that he had located the anchor some time ago to the north of Commercial Wharf #2 in Monterey and wondered if the Museum would like to have it on display in front of our new building. Unaware of the State Lands Commission interest, I accepted the anchor for exhibit. Of course I am now more knowledgeable about the correct legal procedures for such archeological materials.

The Museum has placed the anchor in a prominent position on a pedestal in front of entrance to the building. Upon advise from metal conservators, we have treated the anchor with a rust convertor which shall halt further deterioration. In completing our research on the anchor, we have determined that it is from the 1830 to 1850 period.

The Maritime Museum of Monterey requests that the State Lands Commission consider the permanent placement of the anchor in front of our building. The public has seemed to enjoy its presence thus far as it sits just adjacent to the Hike and Bike trail, Fisherman's Wharf and our Museum.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Cordially,

Donna Penwell
Museum Director

EXHIBIT "B"

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