MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C23 was approved as Minute Item No. 23 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 6-19-98 meeting.

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WP 7191.9
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GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE

LESSEE:
California Department of Fish and Game
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California 95814

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:
311 acres, more or less, of sovereign lands located at Goose Flats and Big Hole areas, adjacent to the Colorado River, near Blythe, Riverside County.

AUTHORIZED USE:
Habitat restoration project involving revegetation.

LEASE TERM:
Ten years, beginning May 1, 1998.

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

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. This is a habitat restoration activity started approximately ten years ago by the applicant. The Commission authorized a permit for the work on April 12, 1988, under Minute Item No. 21. The California Department of Fish and Game's intent is to continue managing the lease parcels for their ecological values and will continue to pursue habitat development projects at the subject sites.

2. The lands to be restored are riparian to the present channel of the Colorado River and previously were within the bed of the River or were

acquired through title settlement or litigation.

3. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 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.

   Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300.

4. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 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.

EXHIBITS:

A. Location Map
B. Land Description

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

June 15, 1998.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 4, MINOR ALTERATION TO LAND, TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15304. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME OF A GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE, BEGINNING MAY 1, 1998, FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS, FOR A CONTINUING HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT B ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

This Exhibit is solely for purposes of generally defining the lease premises and is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed as a waiver or limitation of any State interest in the subject or any other property.

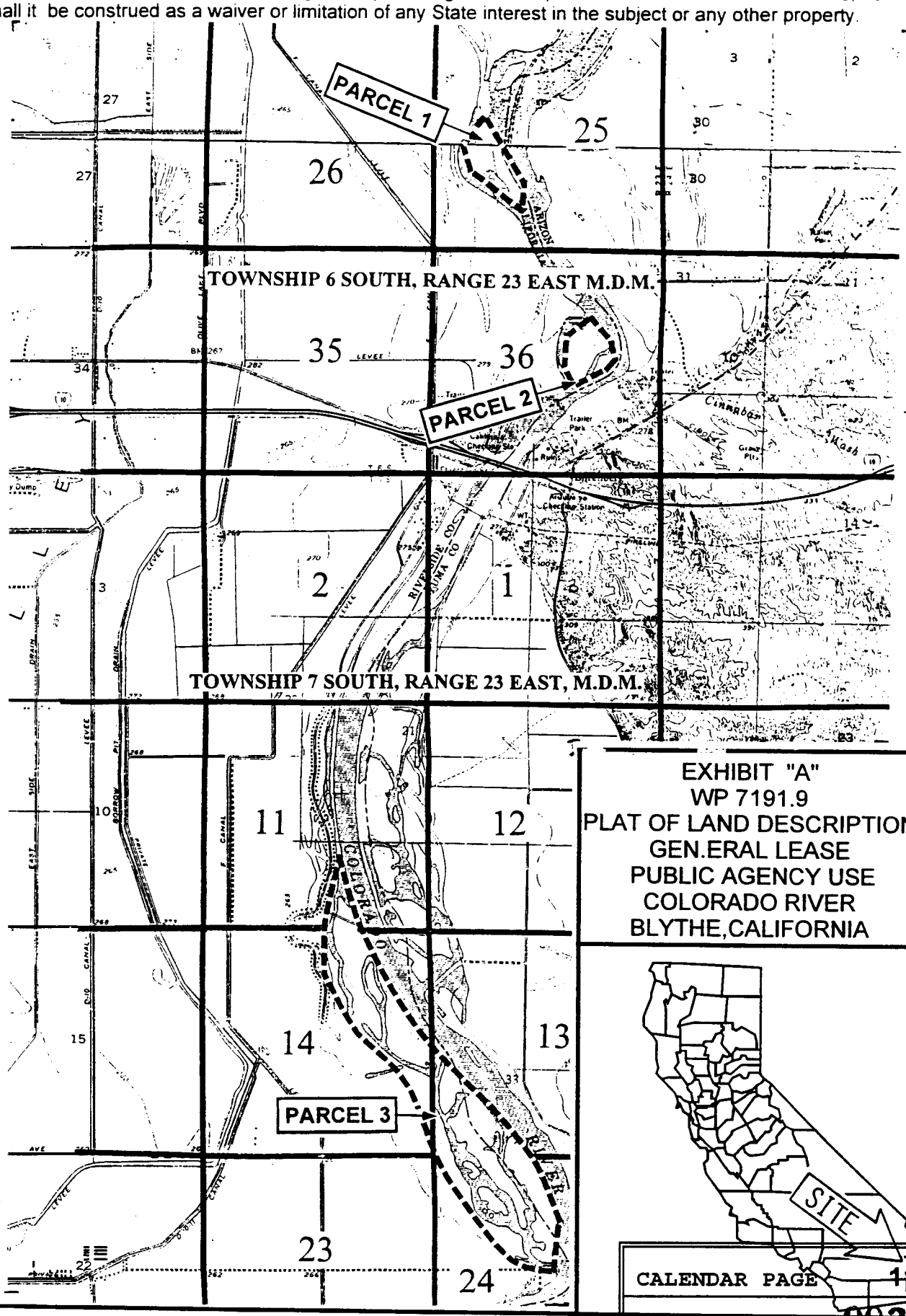

EXHIBIT "A"
WP 7191.9
PLAT OF LAND DESCRIPTION
GEN.ERAL LEASE
PUBLIC AGENCY USE
COLORADO RIVER
BLYTHE,CALIFORNIA

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EXHIBIT "B"
LAND DESCRIPTION

WP 7191.9

Three parcels of State sovereign lands lying in the bed and adjacent to the bed of the Colorado River, located in Riverside County, State of California and more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1

All the State sovereign lands lying in the bed and adjacent to the bed of the Colorado River, in Section 25, Township 6 South, Range 23 East, M.D.M.

PARCEL 2

All the State sovereign lands lying in the bed and adjacent to the bed of the Colorado River, in Section 36, Township 6 South, Range 23 East, M.D.M.

PARCEL 3

All the State sovereign lands lying adjacent to the bed of the Colorado River, in Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, and 24 of Township 7 South, Range 23 East, M.D.M.