

MINUTE ITEM

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Minute Item No. 63 by the California State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its
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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GEOPHYSICAL
SURVEY PERMIT ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION**

APPLICANT:

Enron Oil and Gas Company
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AREA, LAND TYPE AND LOCATION:

The proposed geophysical survey will cover Grizzly Island, Solano County and cross these State waterways: Montezuma Slough, Grizzly Bay, Honker Bay, and Nurse Slough.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:

Beginning May 1, 1999 through April 30, 2000.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

Required fees, expense deposit, and other security have been received. The applicant has been notified that the California Department of Fish and Game fee of \$1,250 is due pursuant to Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code.

PROPOSED SURVEY:

A three dimensional (3D) seismic survey of approximately 67 square miles is planned for late spring of 1999 and covers State lands located on Grizzly Island, Solano County. The survey design is a rectangular grid, consisting of receiver lines oriented east to west every 660 feet and containing groups of 6 to 12 clustered geophones at intervals of 165 feet. The Receiver seismic cable is approximately 3/8 inch diameter insulated cable and carries no detectable electrical current. The Receiver line cables will be weighted down to the bottom of all waterways. Placement of the receiver cable will be done by boat or barge (no dragging). Source lines will be orientated north to south and will have an

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east to west separation of 1,320 feet. Shotpoint (all on private lands) spacing along a source line will be 165 feet and consists of a single 20 foot hole loaded with two and a half (2.5) to three (3) pounds of dynamite or its equivalent (in this case an explosive known as "dynoseis"). The shot holes will be dug with portable carry drills and back filled with bentonite to contain the explosive charge.

Program layout will be accomplished with either helicopter, ATV or foot traffic support, while normal vehicle traffic will be confined to the existing roads and shoulders. No shot holes will be drilled or air guns used in State waterways under this Geophysical Survey Permit.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. Public Resources Code section 6826.
- B. Public Resources Code section 21080(c).
- C. Public Resources Code section 6870.
- D. California Code of Regulations, section Title 2, Article 2.9, 2100.
- E. California Code of Regulations, section Title 2, 2905(e)(3).
- F. California Code of Regulations, section Title 14, 15074.

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

April 27, 1999.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- 1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15025), Commission staff has prepared a Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration identified as 691, State Clearinghouse No. 99022076). Such Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review pursuant to the provisions of the CEQA.

Based on the Initial Study, the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, and the comments received in response thereto, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have significant effect on the environment; Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15074(b).

- 2. A Mitigation Monitoring Program has been prepared in conformity with the

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provisions of the CEQA (Public Resources Code section 21081.6).

3. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code section 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 permit, as part of the program for the project as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Survey Area
- B. Location Map

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDINGS:

1. CERTIFY THAT A PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, CSLC 691, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 99022076 WAS PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CEQA, AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
2. ADOPT THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT, AS APPROVED, WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
3. ADOPT THE MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, AS CONTAINED ON FILE IN THE OFFICES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION.
4. 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.

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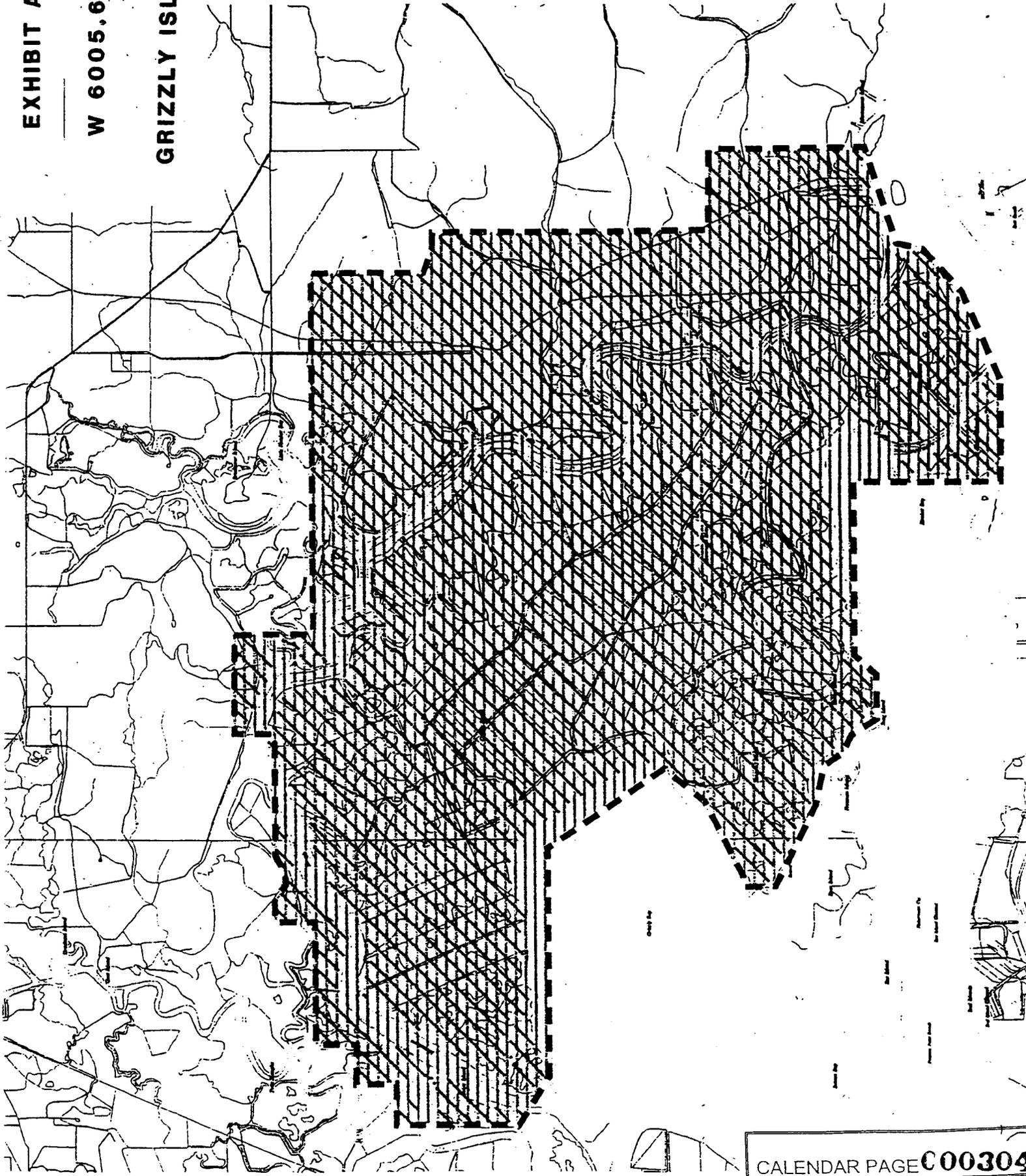
AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO ENRON OIL AND GAS COMPANY, OF A
NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOPHYSICAL
SURVEYS UTILIZING CABLES AND GEOPHONES ON STATE
WATERWAYS FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 1999 THROUGH APRIL 30,
2000, WITHIN THE SURVEY AREA DESIGNATED ON EXHIBIT A.

EXHIBIT A

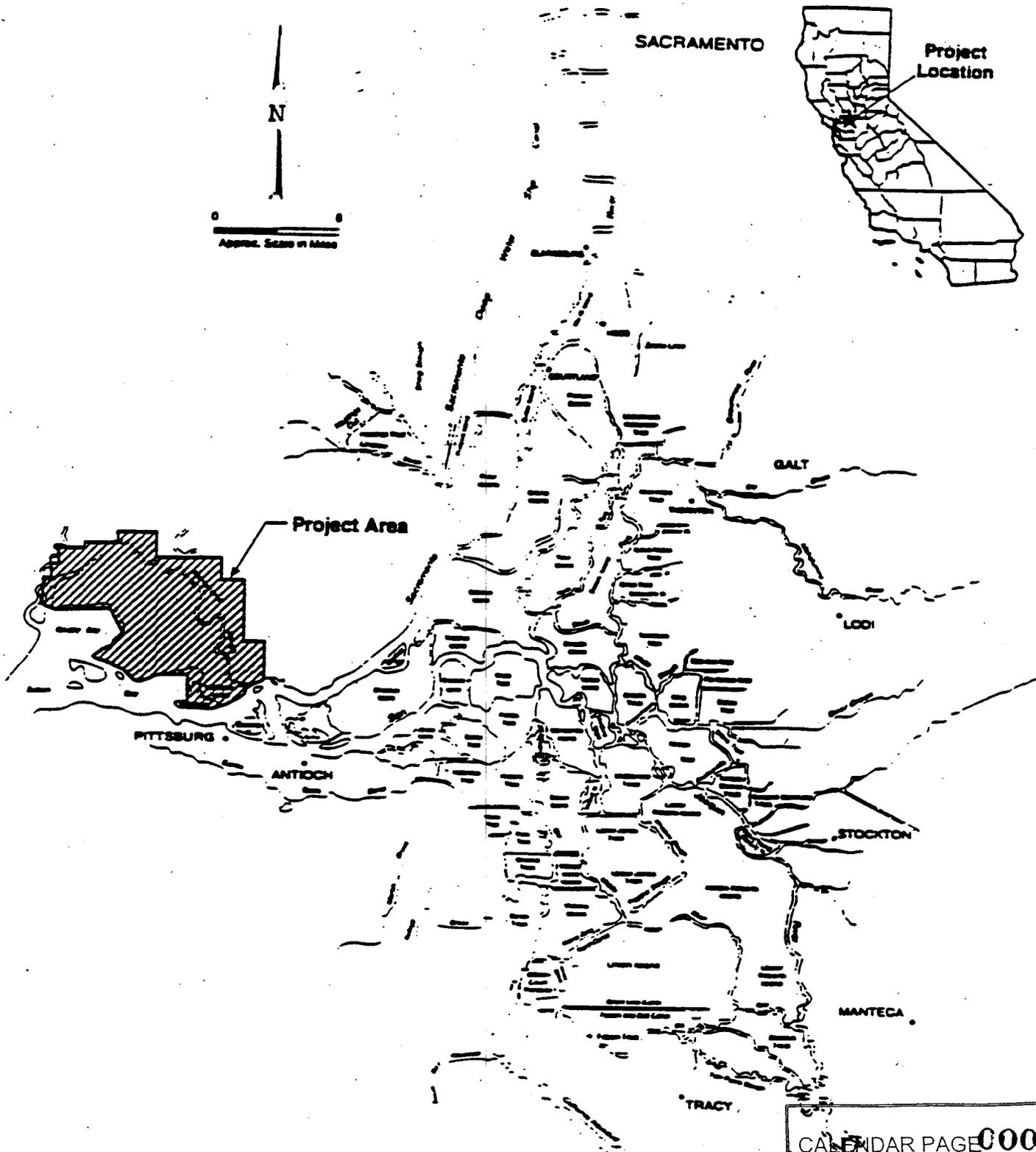
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