MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C12 was approved as Minute Item No. 12 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 12-3-99 meeting.

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12/03/99
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DREDGING LEASE

APPLICANT:

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation
P. O. Box D
Yuma, Arizona 85366

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

62.80 acres, more or less, of sovereign lands in the bed of the Colorado River in Imperial County and located north of the city of Yuma, Arizona.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Maintenance dredging of approximately 2,000,000 cubic yards of material with deposition of the dredged material at an approved upland disposal site.

LEASE TERM:

Three years, beginning September 30,1999.

CONSIDERATION:

No royalty will be charged as the project will result in a public benefit. However, a minimum of $0.25 per cubic yard will be charged for any material used for private benefit or commercial sale purposes.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Applicant has a right to use the uplands adjoining the lease premises.

2. The Applicant proposes to dredge above the Imperial Dam (Dam). This dredging project is a reoccurring operation and maintenance project that is part of the Colorado River Front Work and Levee System Program whereby the Applicant routinely dredges material that accumulates directly upstream of the Dam. Dredging above the Dam has been conducted approximately every three years since the 1960's. The most recent dredging took place in 1993 when 920,450 cubic yards of material was dredged.

3. Dredging above the Dam assures that water deliveries can be made through the head-works to the All-American Canal and the Gila Gravity Main Canal. Without dredging, sediment deposits near the entrance to the canals would constrict or prevent the operation of the Dam facilities for the delivery of river water for year round irrigation to more than 500,000 acres of farmland in California and Arizona, and to municipalities such as Yuma, Arizona, and the Yuma Proving Ground and Marine Corps Air Station.

4. The dredged material will be pumped through a temporary 16,000 foot floating pipeline into the approved upland Laguna Settling Basin Disposal Site.

5. 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 statutorily exempt project. The project is exempt because it involves an "ongoing project" as defined by the CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

   Authority: Public Resources Code section 21169 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15261.

6. 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.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

United States Army Corp of Engineers
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
California Department of Fish and Game
California Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Historic Preservation

EXHIBITS:

A. Location map
B. Dredging and upland disposal site
C. Site map

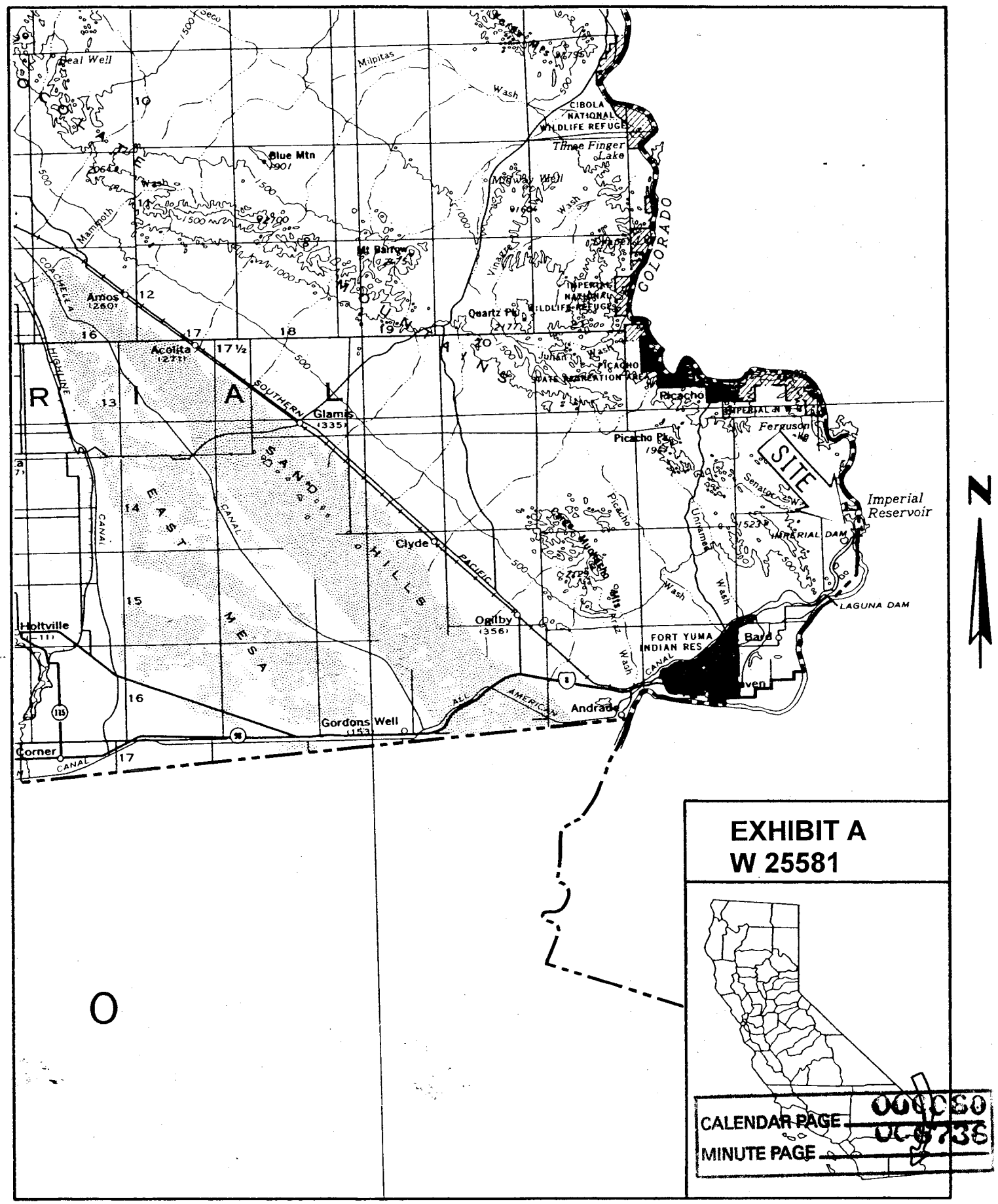
PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:
December 16, 1999

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:
FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A STATUTORILY EXEMPT PROJECT PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21169 AND TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15261, AN ACTIVITY INVOLVING AN ONGOING PROJECT.

SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:
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 THE ISSUANCE OF A DREDGING LEASE TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION; BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 30, 1999, FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS; FOR DREDGING A TOTAL OF 2,000,000 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL ON THE LANDS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A, ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF; DEPOSITION OF THE DREDGED MATERIAL AT AN APPROVED UPLAND DISPOSAL SITE; NO ROYALTY SHALL BE CHARGED AS THE PROJECT WILL RESULT IN A PUBLIC BENEFIT; A MINIMUM OF $0.25 PER CUBIC YARD SHALL BE CHARGED FOR ANY MATERIAL USED FOR PRIVATE BENEFIT OR COMMERCIAL SALE PURPOSES; SUCH PERMITTED ACTIVITY IS CONTINGENT UPON APPLICANT'S COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PERMITS, RECOMMENDATIONS, OR LIMITATIONS ISSUED BY FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.



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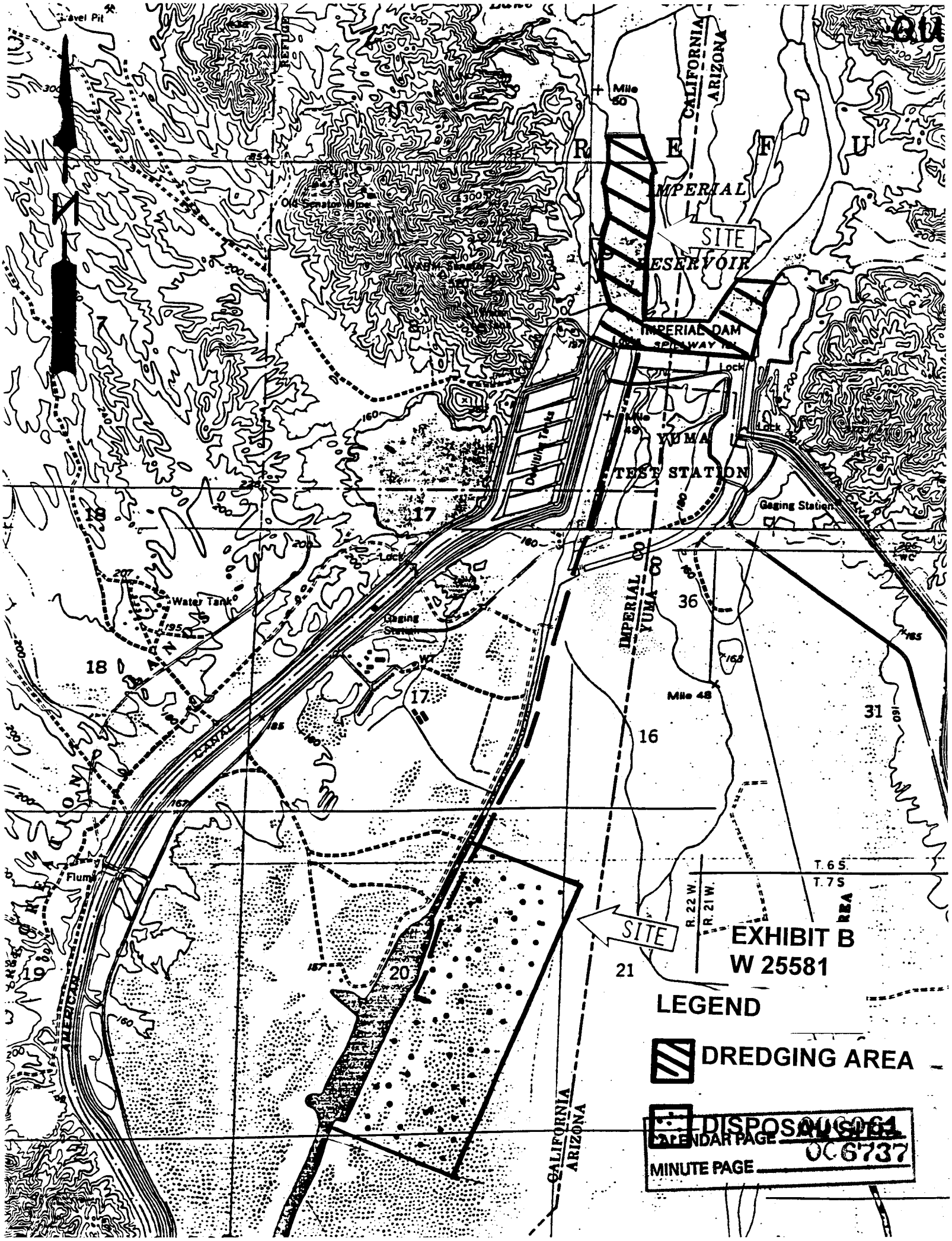

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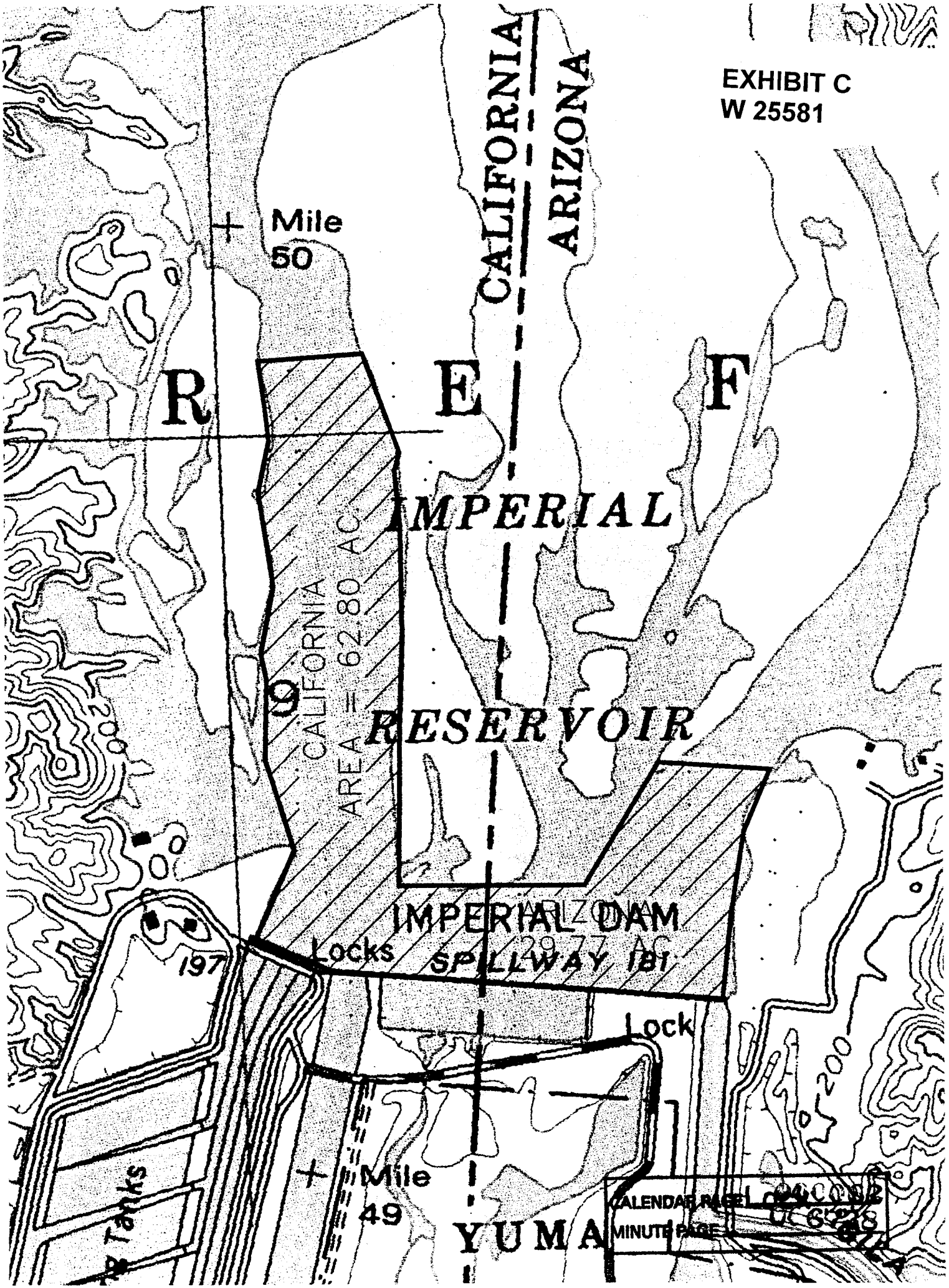
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