

**MINUTE ITEM**

This Calendar Item No. C22 was approved as Minute Item No. 22 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 12-3-99 meeting.

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**GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE**

**LESSEE:**

California Department of Fish and Game  
1416 Ninth Street, 12th Floor  
Sacramento, California 95814

**AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:**

5,125± acres, more or less, of sovereign lands located near the town of Lompoc, Santa Barbara County commonly referred to as the "Burton Mesa Property".

**AUTHORIZED USE:**

Management, operation and maintenance of sovereign lands.

**LEASE TERM:**

49 years, beginning December 4, 1999.

**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. The State, acting through the California State Lands Commission (CSLC), received this property as "Sovereign Land" from Union Oil Company of California (UNOCAL) as part of a settlement agreement reached in July 1991. The settlement agreement between the CSLC and UNOCAL resolved issues regarding UNOCAL activities in the Long Beach area of California. This property (among others in California) was included in the agreement because of the high value of its environmentally sensitive resources. The acreage is one of the last significant natural stands of Burton Mesa Chaparral. Staff is recommending that the California Department of Fish and Game take over management responsibility of the property to ensure it 's environmentally sensitive values.

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2. 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 7, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources; Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905 (f)(1).

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300 and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905.

3. The Commission has taken ownership of the property as lands taking on the legal characteristics of sovereign lands.

This activity involves lands which were not identified in 1975 as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq. And therefore use classifications for such lands have not been designated. Therefore, the finding of the project's consistency with the use classification as required by Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2954 is not applicable.

However, the Commission has declared that all sovereign lands are "significant" by nature of their public ownership. Since such declaration of significance is not based upon the requirements and criteria of Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq.

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Location Map  
B. Site Map

**PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:**

N/A

**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

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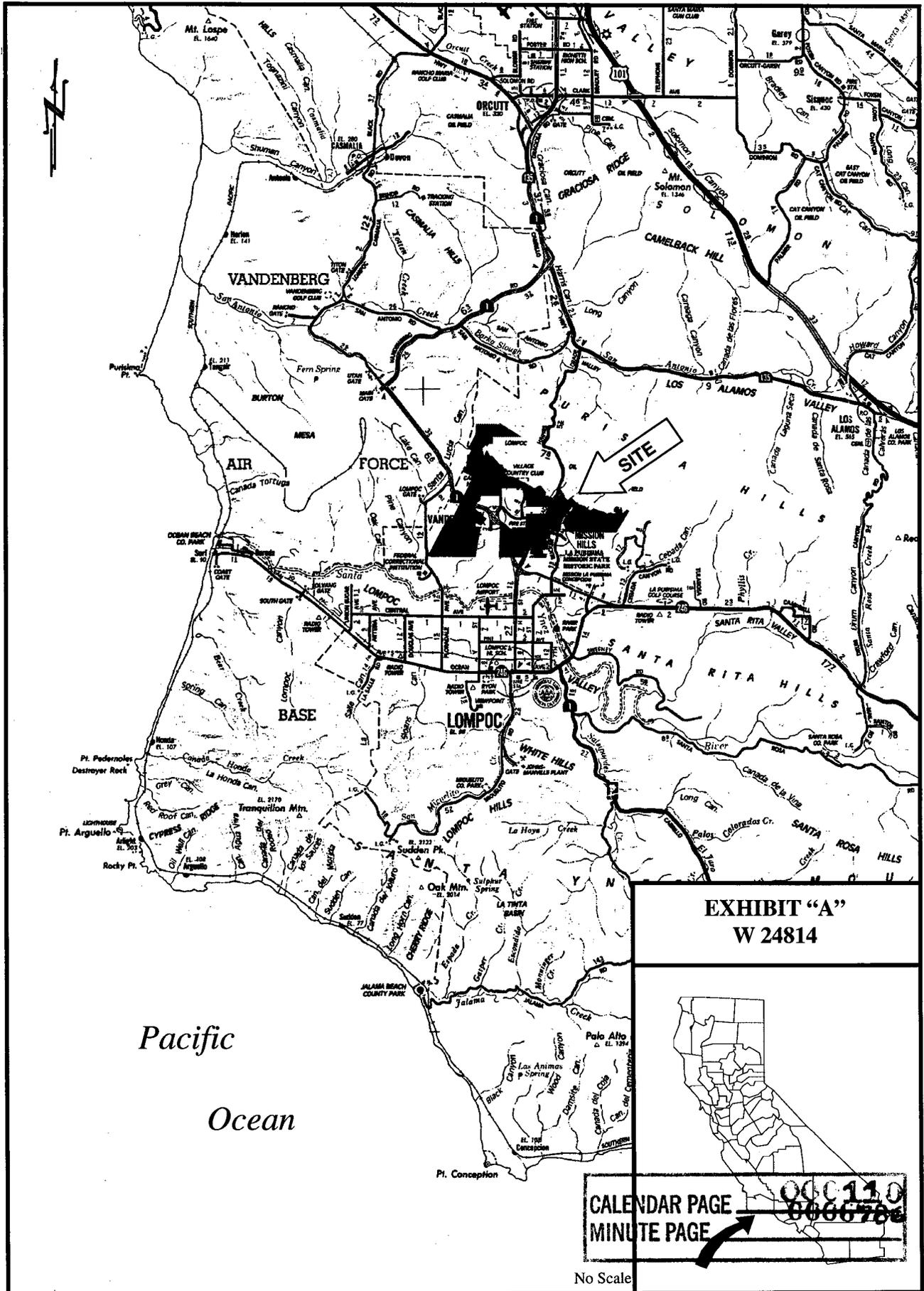
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REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 7, ACTIONS BY REGULATORY AGENCIES FOR PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 2905 (f)(1).

**AUTHORIZATION:**

AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME OF A GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE, BEGINNING DECEMBER 4, 1999, FOR A TERM OF FORTY-NINE YEARS, FOR MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SOVEREIGN LANDS AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT B ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

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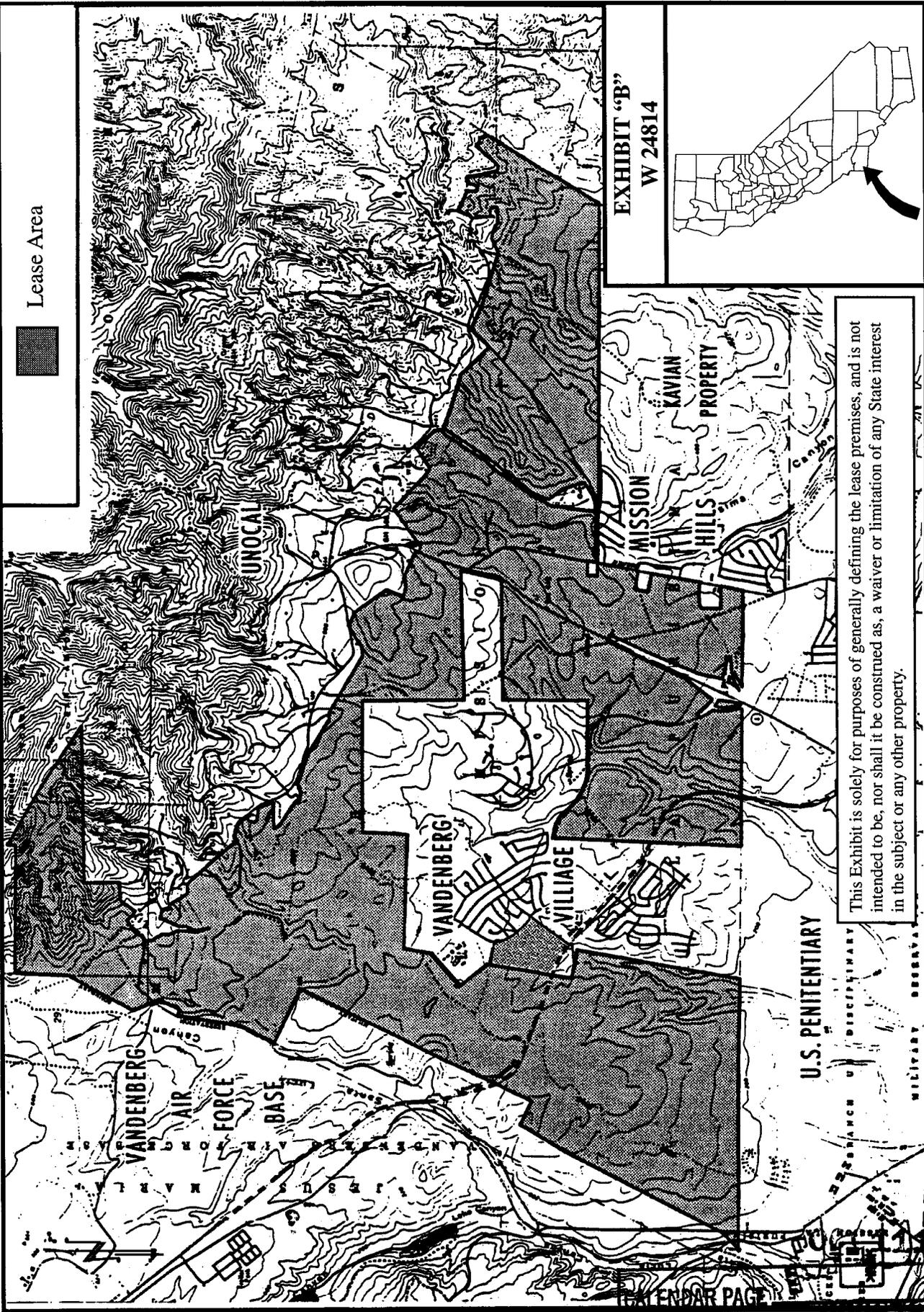
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Lease Area

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