

MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C 108 was approved as
Minute Item No. 108 by the California State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its
4-24-01 meeting.

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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GEOLOGICAL
SURVEY PERMIT ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION**

APPLICANT:

Noble Consultants, Inc.
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BACKGROUND:

The geological surveys authorized under the terms of the permit are for the purpose of obtaining shallow samples of the seafloor for geotechnical information. The data obtained are used in the study of nearshore sand erosion and deposition studies, design of offshore structures (pipelines, marine terminals, platforms, piers, etc.), and in the technical and environmental analyses of offshore operations. The shallow samples are obtained using nonrotary techniques (dart, jet, percussion, grab) from a self-contained vessel. The vessel is typically no larger than a fishing boat (usually 50 to 150 feet in length, with a six-foot draft).

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:

Initial period:
Beginning May 1, 2001 through April 30, 2004.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

Required fees, expense deposit and other security have been received.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

A. Public Resources Code section 6826

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- B. California Code of Regulations section: Title 2, section 2905(e)(3)
- C. California Code of Regulations section: Title 14, section 15061

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- 1. 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 6, Information Collection, Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905(e)(3).

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

- 2. 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 project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

EXHIBIT:

- A. Permit Regions

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

October 27, 2001.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDINGS:

FIND THAT THE 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 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION; TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 2905(e)(3).

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO NOBLE CONSULTANTS, INC., OF A NON-

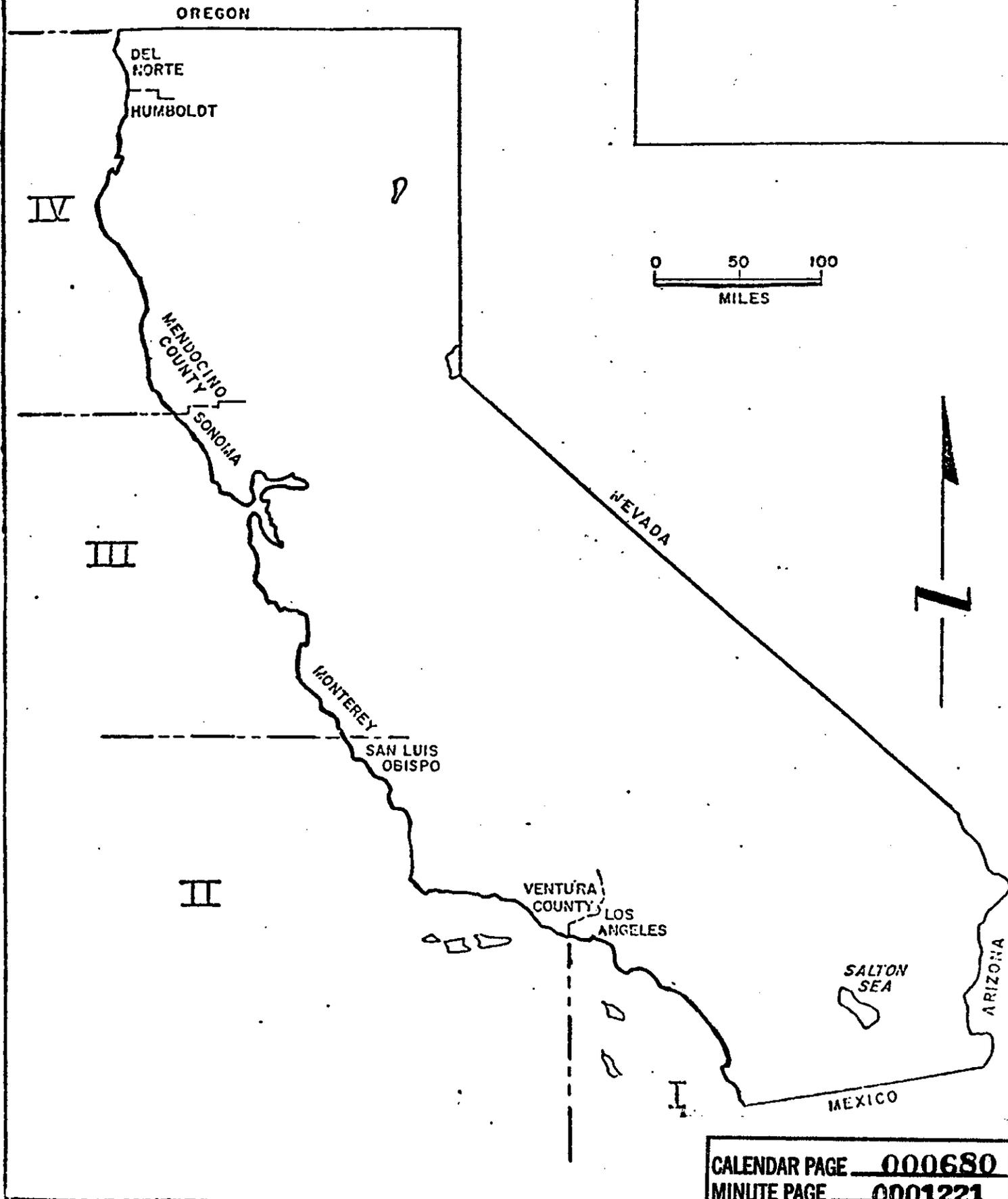
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EXCLUSIVE GENERAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOLOGICAL
SURVEYS FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2001, THROUGH April 30, 2004,
WITHIN PERMIT REGIONS I, II, III, AND IV AS DESIGNATED ON
EXHIBIT A.

EXHIBIT "A"

PERMIT REGIONS



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