

MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C14 was approved as
Minute Item No. 14 by the California State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its
4/9/02 meeting.

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PRC 8330.9
M. Hays

AMENDMENT OF LEASE

LESSEE:

Southern California Edison
P. O. Box 800
Rosemead, CA 91770

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

A parcel of filled sovereign land located near Jewfish Point on Santa Catalina Island, near city of Avalon, Los Angeles County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Installation of a temporary ground water exploration/monitoring well.

LEASE TERM:

Six months, beginning July 16, 2001.

CONSIDERATION:

\$100 for entire lease term.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Extension of the term of the temporary use permit. All other terms and conditions of the lease shall remain in effect without amendment.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Applicant has the right to use the uplands adjoining the lease premises.
2. Southern California Edison (SCE), through its desalination plant at Pebbly Beach, provides drinking water for Santa Catalina Island. SCE's existing water wells, located adjacent to the desalination plant, are contaminated with hydrocarbons and fuel additives and, therefore, the water from the wells is unusable.

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3. SCE has evaluated alternative water supplies and in July of 2001, applied to the California State Lands Commission (Commission) for a temporary permit in order to install a temporary ground water exploration/monitoring well in a roadway at the Santa Catalina Island Company's (Island Company) "East End" Quarry. The Commission issued a General Lease-Industrial Use, PRC 7030.1, to the Island Company for quarry operations at this location. The Island Company supported SCE's temporary well. The Commission approved the temporary permit on September 17, 2001, Minute Item Number 16.
4. SCE constructed the temporary monitoring well in October 2001, to evaluate the quantity and quality of source water at the location. Based on the results obtained from the well, SCE intends to pursue a feasibility assessment of constructing a permanent well at this location. SCE is now asking to amend the temporary permit to extend the term of the permit through January 31, 2003. The Island Company has endorsed the extension of the temporary permit.
5. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines [Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15060(c)(3)], 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 1, Existing Facilities; Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905 (a)(2).

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

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 person's 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. Location Map

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A

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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, AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 1, EXISTING FACILITIES; TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 2905 (a)(2).

SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:

FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCE CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE THE AMENDMENT OF LEASE NO. PRC 8330.9, A GENERAL LEASE – TEMPORARY USE, OF FILLED SOVEREIGN LANDS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF, TO EXTEND THE LEASE TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 16, 2002, TO JANUARY 31, 2003; ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT WITHOUT AMENDMENT.

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