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 10-01-02 meeting.

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10/01/02
PRC 8079.9
B. Dugal

SUBLEASE

LESSEE/SUBLESSOR:
City of Los Angeles
Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1455
Los Angeles, California 90012

SUBLESSEE:
California Department of Water Resources
Land and Right of Way Division
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California 95814

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:
Sovereign lands located in the dry lakebed of Owens Lake, near the town of Keeler, Inyo County.

AUTHORIZED USE:
LEASE: Construction and operation of the Owens Lake South Sand Sheet Air Quality and Sand Fence Effectiveness Monitoring System, and the operation of the North Sand Sheet Shallow Flooding Project.

SUBLEASE: Access, maintenance, and monitoring of an existing California Irrigation Management and Information System (CIMIS) Weather Station located on the North Sand Sheet Shallow Flooding Project.

TERM:
LEASE: 20 years, beginning May 1, 1999.

SUBLEASE: 16 years and eight months, beginning September 1, 2002 and expiring April 30, 2019.

CONSIDERATION:

LEASE: The public health and safety; 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.

SUBLEASE: 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 California State Lands Commission (Commission) previously approved the issuance of a General Lease – Public Agency Use to the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power (City), for the installation, operation and maintenance of the North Sand Sheet Shallow Flooding Project at Owens Lake.

2. The City and the California Department of Water Resources (Department) have entered into an agreement whereby the City and Department will operate and maintain an existing computerized weather station that is located within the North Sand Sheet Shallow Flooding Project area. The weather station will collect information necessary for estimating crop water use under local conditions and is an essential part of the CIMIS. The CIMIS is a project of the Department, which provides irrigation management to California growers and irrigation water managers.

3. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for this project by the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power. The Commission's staff has reviewed such document.

4. A Mitigation Monitoring Program was adopted by the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power.

5. 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.

EXHIBIT:

A. Site/Location Map

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:
N/A

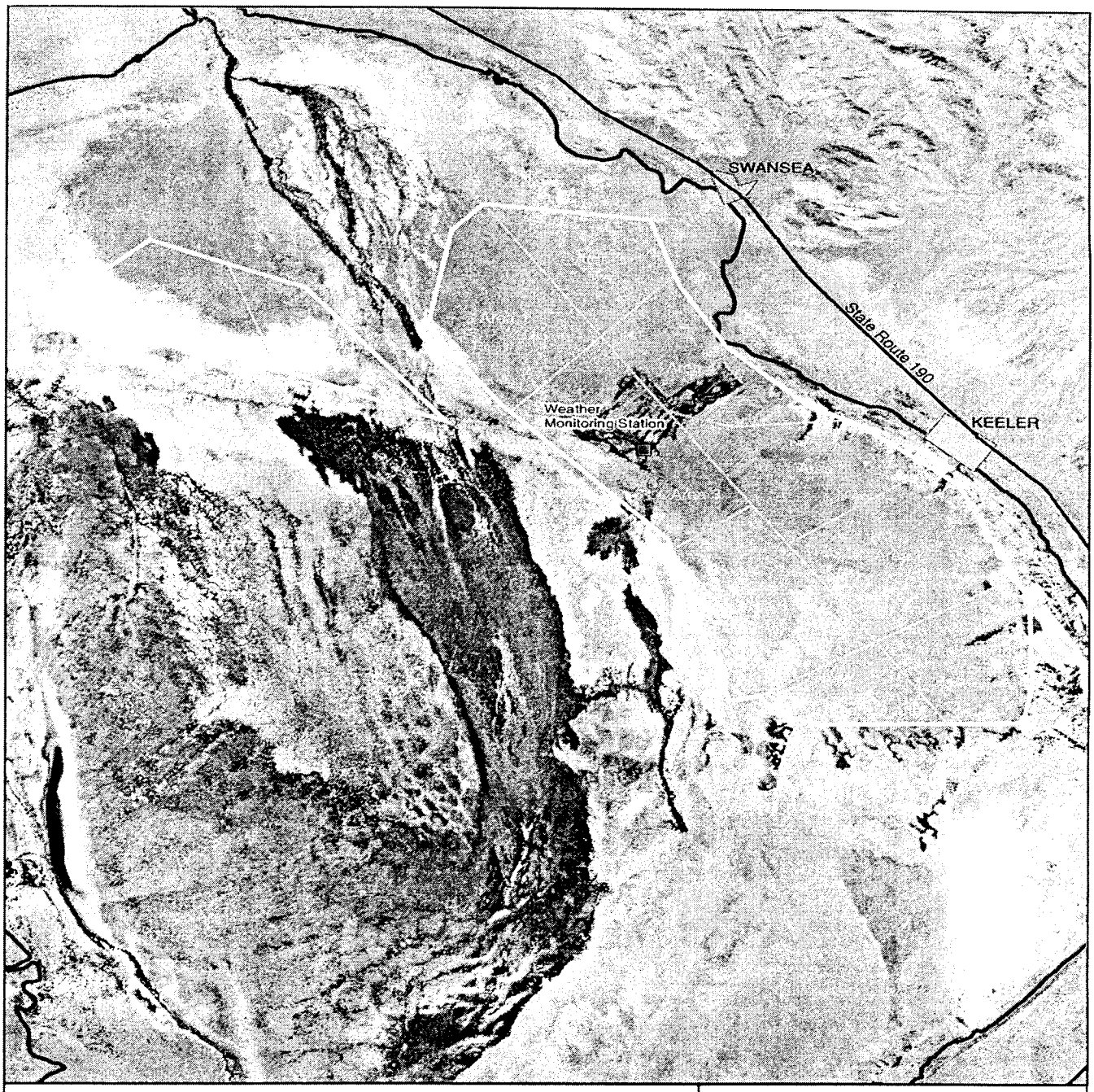
RECOMMENDED ACTION:
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:
FIND THAT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS PREPARED AND ADOPTED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.

ADOPT THE MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, WHICH IS ON FILE IN THE SACRAMENTO OFFICES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION.

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 EXECUTION OF A SUBLEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER, AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES THE ABILITY TO ENTER AND USE AN EXISTING CIMIS WEATHER STATION LOCATED ON A PORTION OF LEASE NO. PRC 8079.9, MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2002, FOR A TERM OF 16 YEARS AND EIGHT MONTHS; CONSIDERATION BEING 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.



Legend

- Weather Monitoring Station
- Project Boundaries
- Historical Shoreline
- Towns
- Highways

North Sand Sheet
Weather and Evaporation
Monitoring Station

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This Exhibit is solely for purposes of generally defining the lease premises, is based on unverified information provided by Lessee or other parties and is not intended to be, nor shall is be construed as a waiver or limitation of any State interest in the subject or any other property.

EXHIBIT A
LOCATION MAP
PRC 8079
OWENS LAKE, INYO COUNTY

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