MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C08 was approved as Minute Item No. 08 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 12-16-02 meeting.

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AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF $220,000 OF KAPILOFF LAND BANK FUNDS TO PREPARE MANAGEMENT PLAN/EIR AND TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE BURTON MESA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE IN NORTHERN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

APPLICANT:
State Lands Commission, as trustee
of the Kapiloff Land Bank Fund

BACKGROUND:
As part of a settlement of two antitrust lawsuits with Union Oil Company of California, the California State Lands Commission acquired 5,125 acres of land in north Santa Barbara County to be held as sovereign lands by the State of California. The acreage supports one of the last significant natural stands of Burton Mesa Chaparral.

In 1994, the Commission authorized the issuance of a public agency lease and agreement for environmental mitigation to the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) for the construction, operation, repair and maintenance of an extension of the State water project aqueduct to deliver treated water within Santa Barbara County across the Burton Mesa property. As mitigation for this Project, the CSLC as trustee of the Kapiloff Land Bank Fund, has on deposit $220,000 from the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Project to enhance the public trust use of the subject property by preparing a Management Plan/EIR and for maintenance and operational costs associated with the subject property.

The subject property is currently under lease as an Ecological Reserve to the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) for management, operation and maintenance of sovereign lands. The Management Plan/EIR will be prepared under the direction of staff of the CDFG in consultation with staff of the CSLC.

Staff therefore recommends that the Commission authorize the expenditure of $220,000 as set forth herein.

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 because it involves an action taken pursuant to the Kapiloff Land Bank Act, Public Resources Code Section 8600, et seq.

   Authority: Public Resources Code Section 8631.

EXHIBIT:

A. Location and Site Map.

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE

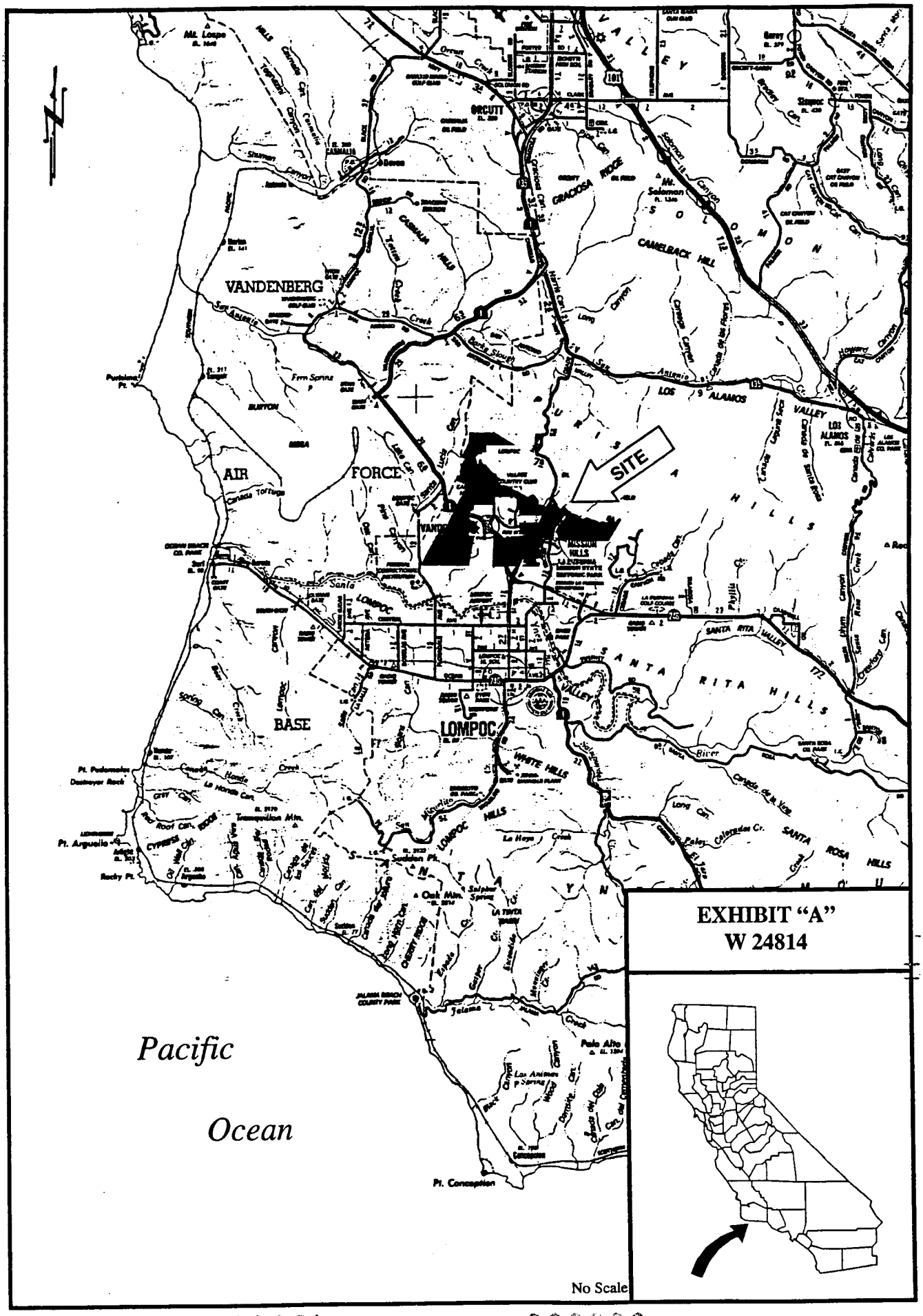
N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. 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 8631, AN ACTION TAKEN PURSUANT TO THE KALIOFF LAND BANK ACT, PUBLIC RESOURES CODE SECTION 8600 ET. SEQ.

2. AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF $220,000 FROM THE KAPILOFF LAND BANK FUND TO PREPARE A MANAGEMENT PLAN/EIR AND TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE THE BURTON MESA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH PLAN.



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