

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C15 was approved as Minute Item No. 15 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 6-2-03 meeting.

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DREDGING LEASE

APPLICANT:

Cargill Salt
7220 Central Avenue
Newark, CA 94560-4205

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign lands on the eastern side of the Napa River approximately three miles northwest of the city of Vallejo and 2,899 feet south of Brazos Bridge in unincorporated Napa County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Maintenance dredge a maximum of 11,000 cubic yards of material to maintain a navigable depth. Dredged materials will be disposed of at the United States Corps of Engineers designated upland disposal site adjacent and north of the Cargill Salt Napa Barge Canal.

LEASE TERM:

Ten years, beginning June 15, 2003.

CONSIDERATION:

No royalty will be charged; \$0.25 per cubic yard will be charged for any material used for private benefit or commercial sale purposes.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. On March 7, 2003, Cargill Salt sold its remaining Napa County salt production facilities to the State of California. The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) will manage the property for the State of California, and will be responsible for its long-term restoration for fish and wildlife values. As part of the sale agreement, Cargill is responsible for removing the remaining salt to a practicable extent

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within the Napa plant site. Dredging is needed in order to open the barge canal for transportation of salt. This action is necessary for DFG to proceed with restoration activities.

2. This project is part of a larger dredging project (75,000 cubic yards) at the Cargill Salt Napa Barge Canal and portion of Napa River at 2943 Green Island Road in unincorporated Napa County. No lease is required for the dredging of 64,000 cubic yards that will occur on that portion of land that is outside of State ownership.
3. 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 4, Minor Alterations to Land Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15304(g).

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

4. 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.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

None.

FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:

United States Corps of Engineers, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Location Map
- B. Site Map

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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, SECTION 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 4, MINOR ALTERATIONS TO LAND; TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15304(g).

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 ISSUANCE OF A DREDGING LEASE TO CARGILL SALT, BEGINNING JUNE 15, 2003, AND EXTENDING THROUGH JUNE 14, 2013, FOR DREDGING A MAXIMUM OF 11,000 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL FROM THE NAPA RIVER AS SHOWN ON EXHIBITS A AND B ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF. DREDGED MATERIALS WILL BE DISPOSED OF AT THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS DESIGNATED DISPOSAL SITE ADJACENT AND NORTH OF THE CARGILL SALT NAPA BARGE CANAL. SUCH PERMITTED ACTIVITY IS CONTINGENT UPON APPLICANT'S COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PERMITS, RECOMMENDATIONS, OR LIMITATIONS ISSUED BY FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. NO ROYALTY SHALL BE CHARGED, AS THE PROJECT WILL RESULT IN A PUBLIC BENEFIT; \$0.25 PER CUBIC YARD SHALL BE CHARGED FOR ANY MATERIAL USED FOR PRIVATE BENEFIT OR FOR COMMERCIAL SALE PURPOSES.

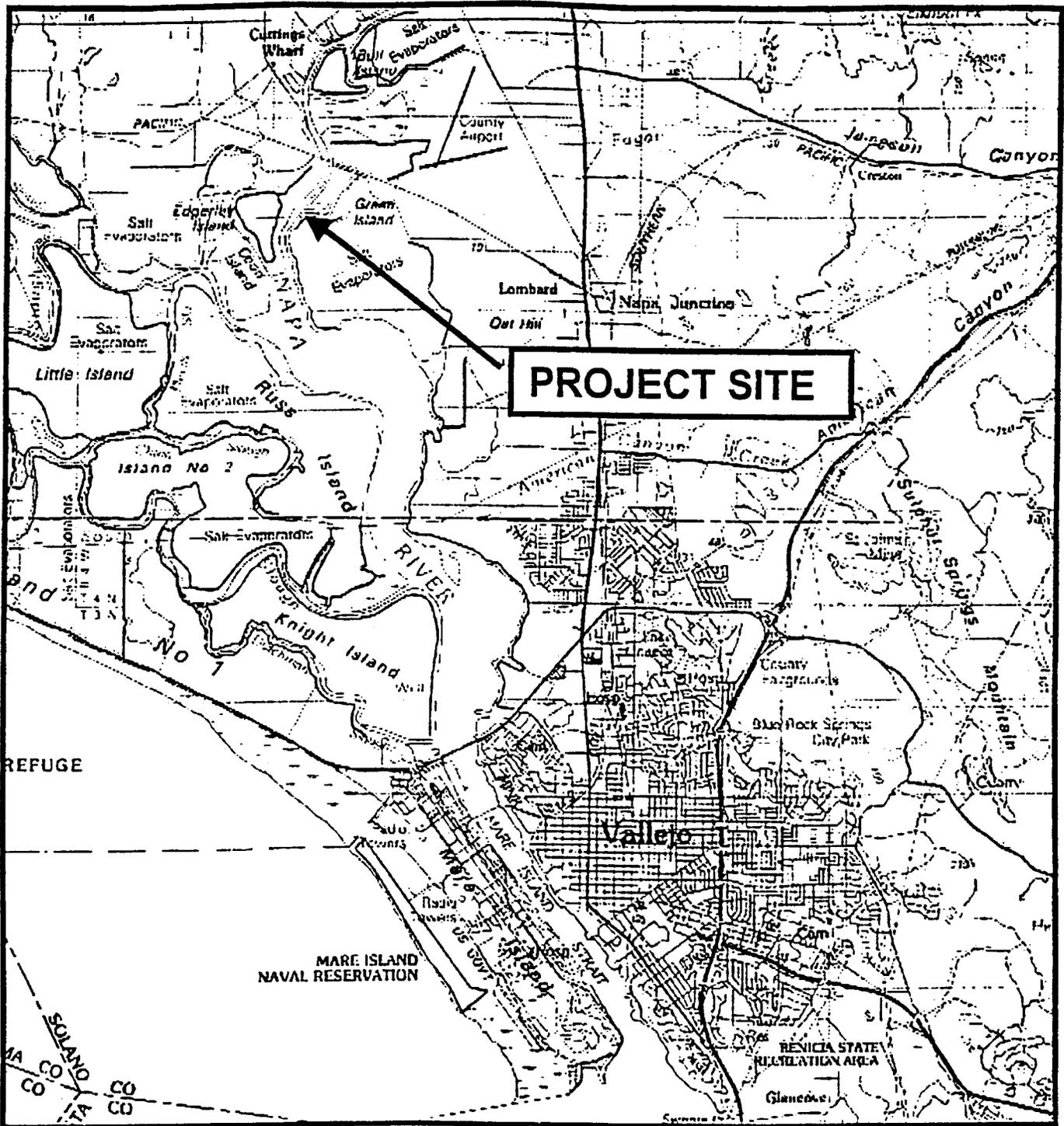


EXHIBIT A – LOCATION MAP

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EXHIBIT B SITE MAP



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