This Calendar Item No. 63 was approved as Minute Item No. 63 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 04-05-04 meeting.

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CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF EARTH DAY, 2004

Regular Item 63: Executive Officer made a presentation to the Commission on a proclamation in support of Earth Day 2004. The proclamation was approved as presented by a 3-0 vote.

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NO STAFF REPORT – RESOLUTION BEING PREPARED

Resolution by The California State Lands Commission
IN SUPPORT OF EARTH DAY 2004

WHEREAS, Thursday, April 22, 2004, is the 34th anniversary of Earth Day, a day to renew our commitment to learn about our natural world, to conserve nature and its resources, and to encourage environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, in founding Earth Day, former U.S. Senator and Wisconsin Governor Gaylord Nelson stated that, "Our goal is an environment of decency, quality, and mutual respect for all other human creatures and for all living creatures . . . The battle to restore a proper relationship between man and his environment, between man and other living creatures will require a long, sustained, political, moral, ethical, and financial commitment – far beyond any effort made before," and

WHEREAS, the California environment—land and sea, air and water, flora and fauna – is among the most revered in the world and whose place names are appropriately famous and beloved – Yosemite Valley, Big Sur, Monterey Bay, Lake Tahoe, Death Valley, and the Sierra Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the quality of California's environment is critical to its economy – fishing, agriculture, tourism and recreation and determinative of our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, California's spectacular coast and waterways are at the heart of California's beauty and environmental qualities; and

WHEREAS, the California State Lands Commission is Trustee of California's sovereign lands—the more than 4 million acres which include California's naturally navigable rivers, lakes, bays, streams, lagoons and estuaries, as well as the tide and submerged lands along the state's more than 1,100 miles of coastline; and

WHEREAS, The California State Lands Commission policies for the management of the state's lands and natural resources are based on environmental protection, financial responsibility and the Public Trust Doctrine, which imposes a duty to preserve the public's lands for the use of and enjoyment of future generations; and

WHEREAS, Activities to celebrate, on April 22, 2004, the 34th anniversary of the first Earth Day, will focus public attention on and encourage personal and community participation in environmental protection through recycling, conserving energy and water, using efficient transportation, and other environmentally responsible personal actions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED *by the California State Lands Commission*, That all Californians are encouraged to recognize the importance of the environment, especially the contribution of the rivers, lakes, bays, streams, lagoons and estuaries, as well as the tide and submerged lands along the state's coastline; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all Californians are encouraged to use the occasion of Earth Day to renew their commitments to responsible stewardship of California's unique landscape and consider including in their daily lives those activities which promote the goals of Earth Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That ports, cities and other entities that administer state waterways and tide and submerged lands help organize and participate in Earth Day 2004 activities to further public appreciation and conservation of these lands.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2004

Honorable Steve Westly, *Chair*
California State Lands Commission
State Controller

Honorable Cruz M. Bustamante, *Member*
California State Lands Commission
Lieutenant Governor

Fred Klass, *Alternate Member*
California State Lands Commission
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