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This Calendar Item No. C32 was approved as
Minute Item No. 32 by the California State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3 to 4 at its
6-20-05 meeting.

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GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE

APPLICANT:

Suisun Resource Conservation District
2544 Grizzly Island Road
Suisun, CA 94585-9539

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign lands in the Suisun Slough, Lower Joice Island, Solano County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Construction of erosion control measures consisting of brush boxes and the planting of tules along 1,000 to 1,800 feet of shoreline at multiple sites along the Suisun Slough.

LEASE TERM:

Ten years, beginning June 20, 2005.

CONSIDERATION:

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. Applicant has the right to use and owns the uplands adjoining the lease premises.
2. The Suisun Resource Conservation District has applied for a General Lease - Public Agency Use for the construction of erosion control measures consisting of brush boxes and planting of tules along 1,000 to 1,800 feet of shoreline at multiple sites along the Suisun Slough. This may involve the placement of up to 667 cubic yards or 5,475 square feet of organic branch habitat (fill). No permanent structures will be

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constructed. All work will be done by hand at low tide. The proposed erosion control measures are environmentally benign measures used as an alternative to "traditional" techniques such as riprap. The techniques involves the placement of wooden stakes outboard of levees, securing branches between parallel rows of the stakes and then planting tules into the newly-created brush boxes. These structures dampen the corrosive effect of boat wakes and foster the growth of planted and naturally recruited riparian plants. The project is expected to result in both protection of the levees and habitat improvement.

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.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15304.

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:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in consultation with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and National Marine Fisheries Service. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board, Bay Area Conservation and Development Commission, and Suisun Resource Conservation District

EXHIBIT:

- A. Site Map and Location Map

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

June 20, 2005

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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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.

SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:

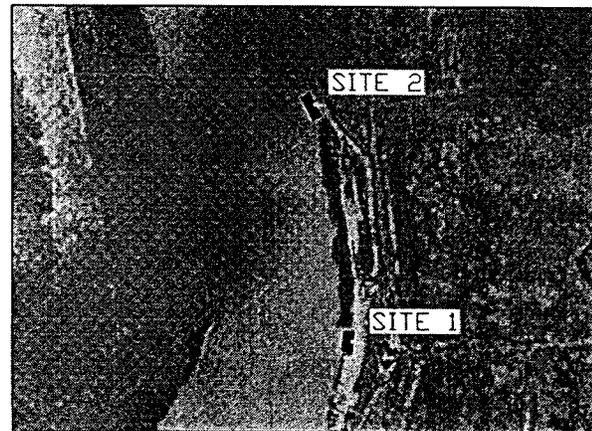
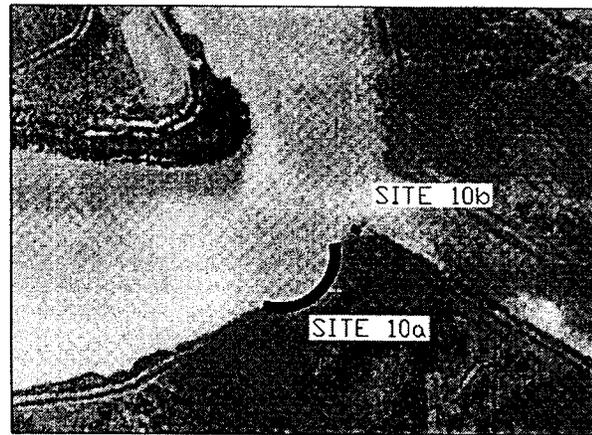
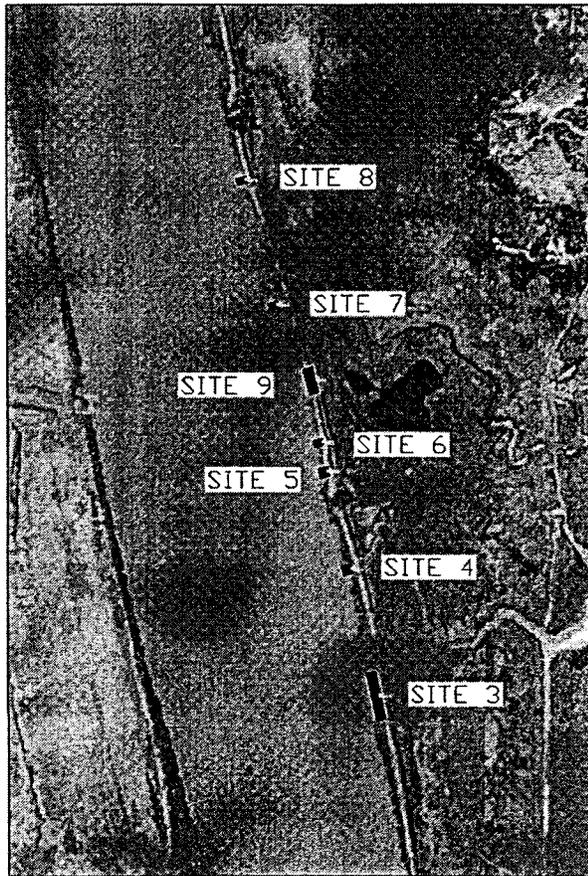
FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF A GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE, BEGINNING JUNE 20, 2005, FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EROSION CONTROL MEASURES CONSISTING OF BRUSHBOXES AND PLANTING OF TULE AS REPRESENTED ON THE LANDS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF; CONSIDERATION; 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.

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SITE MAP



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LOCATION MAP

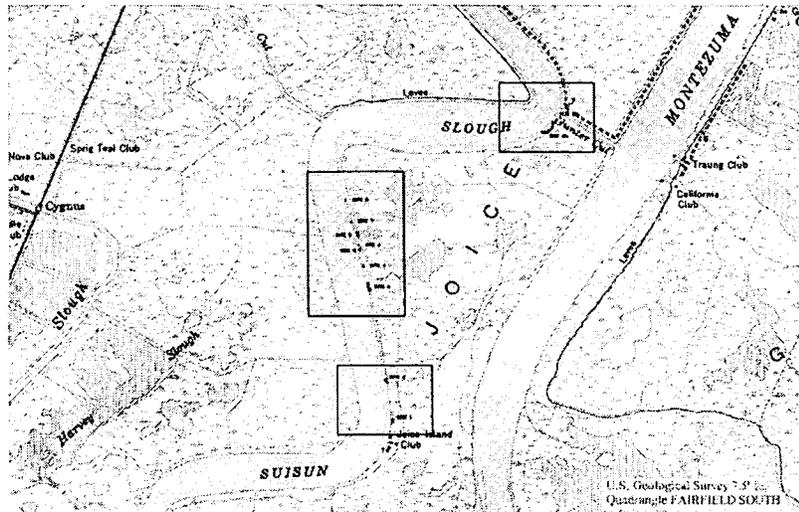


EXHIBIT A

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Suisun Slough & Marsh
 The Suisun Resource
 Conservation District
 Solano County



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 it be construed as a waiver or limitation of any state interest in the subject or any other property.

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