MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C61 was approved as Minute Item No. 61 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 8-8-05 meeting.

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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION

APPLICANT:

Fugro West, Inc.
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BACKGROUND:

The geological surveys authorized under the terms of the permit are for the purpose of obtaining shallow samples of the seafloor for geotechnical information. The data obtained are used in the study of nearshore sand erosion and deposition studies; design of offshore structures (pipelines, marine terminals, platforms, piers, etc.) and in the technical and environmental analyses of offshore operations. The shallow samples are obtained using nonrotary techniques (dart, jet, percussion, grab) from a self-contained vessel. The vessel is typically no larger than a fishing boat (usually 50 to 150 feet in length, with a six-foot draft). Upon request, the Commission will receive copies of all data derived from any and all surveys under the permit.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:

Initial period:

Three years beginning October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2008.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

Required fees, expense deposit and other security have been received.

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STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

A. Public Resources Code section 6826
B. California Code of Regulations section: Title 2, section 2905(e)(3)
C. California Code of Regulations section: Title 14, section 15061

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 as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, Information Collection: surface or underwater biological, geological, geophysical, cultural (archeological/historical) and geotechnical surveys where minimal or no disturbance of the land surface results. Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905(e)(3).

   Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300, and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905.,

2. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code section 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. Permit Regions

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

October 13, 2005

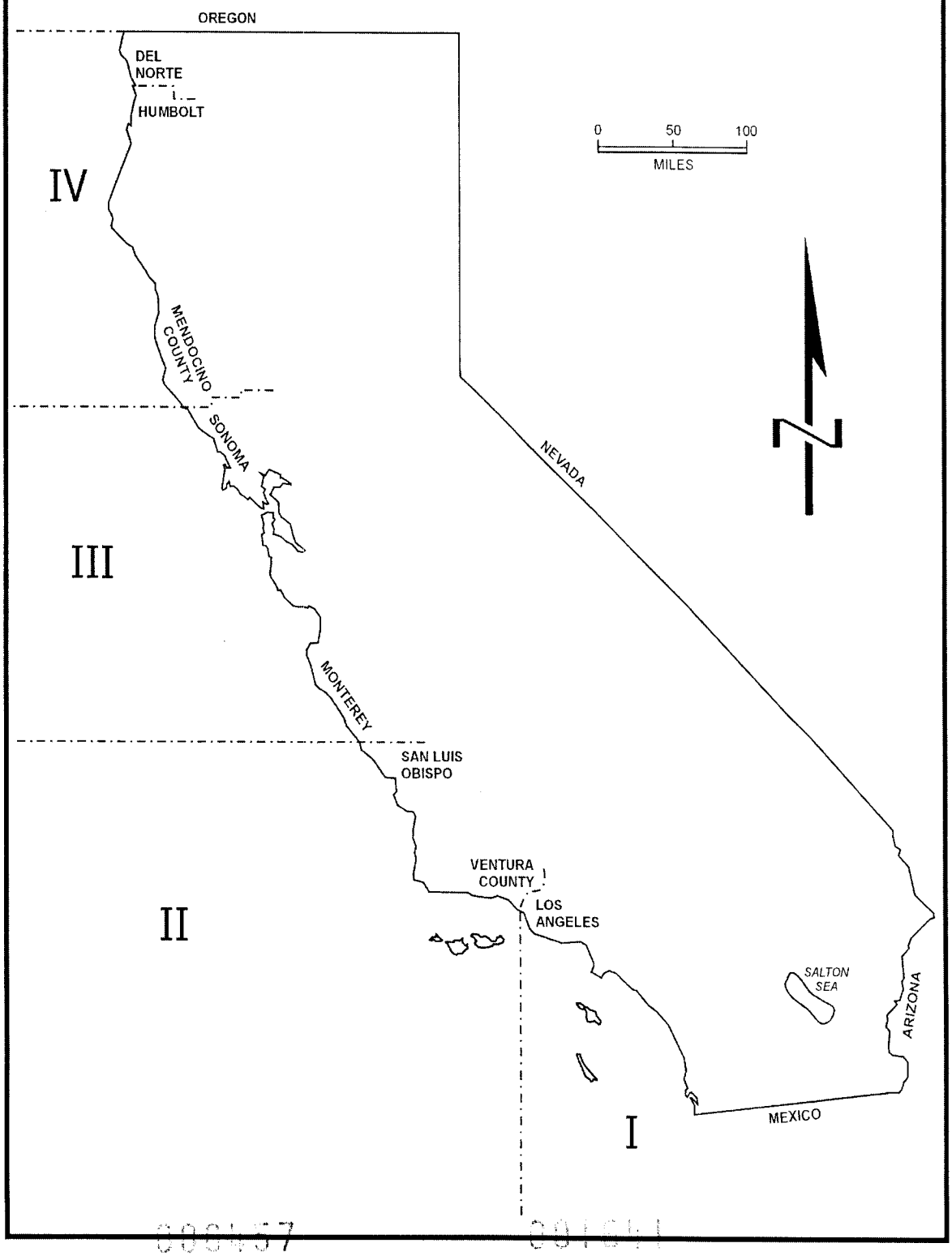
RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDINGS:

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 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION; TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 2905(e)(3).

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO FUGRO WEST, INC., OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2005, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008, WITHIN PERMIT REGIONS I, II, III, AND IV AS DESIGNATED ON EXHIBIT A, ATTACHED HERETO.

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PERMIT REGIONS