MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C14 was approved as Minute Item No. 14 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 12-3-99 meeting.

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12/03/99
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GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE

APPLICANT:

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation
P. O. Box D
Yuma, Arizona 85364

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

3.44 acres, more or less, of sovereign lands in the historic bed of the Colorado River near the city of Blythe, Riverside County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Operation and maintenance of an existing rock and gravel stockpile site.

LEASE TERM:

Ten years, beginning December 1, 1999.

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 a right to use the uplands adjoining the lease premises.

2. In 1996, the California State Lands Commission (Commission) received fee title to certain parcels of land, a portion of which is currently occupied by the stockpile site, pursuant to a boundary settlement with the upland owners (AD 216).

3. The Applicant has stabilized various sections of the Lower Colorado River as part of the major river rectification projects authorized under the Colorado River Front Work and Levee System Act of 1927. In its

continuing efforts to maintain the existing bankline stabilization of the Colorado River, the Applicant has established various rock material stockpile sites at strategic locations along the Colorado River for the maintenance and repair of the existing levee system.

4. 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 1, Existing Facilities, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15301.

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

EXHIBITS:

A. Location Map
B. Lease Description

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

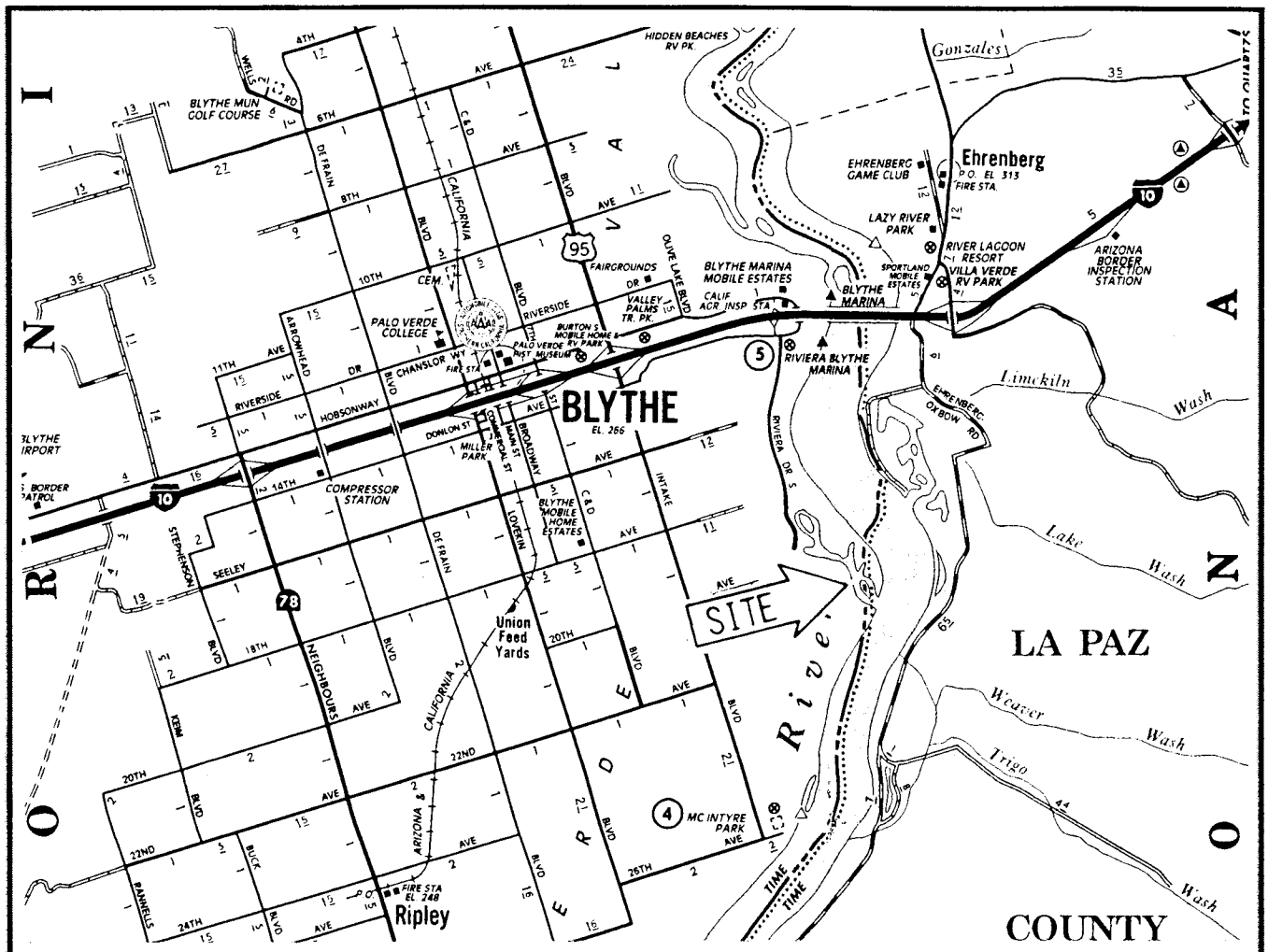
CEQA FINDING:

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 1, EXISTING FACILITIES, TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15301.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, OF A GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE, BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 1999, FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS, FOR A ROCK AND GRAVEL STOCKPILE SITE ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT B, ATTACHED AND BY THIS

REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF; 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.



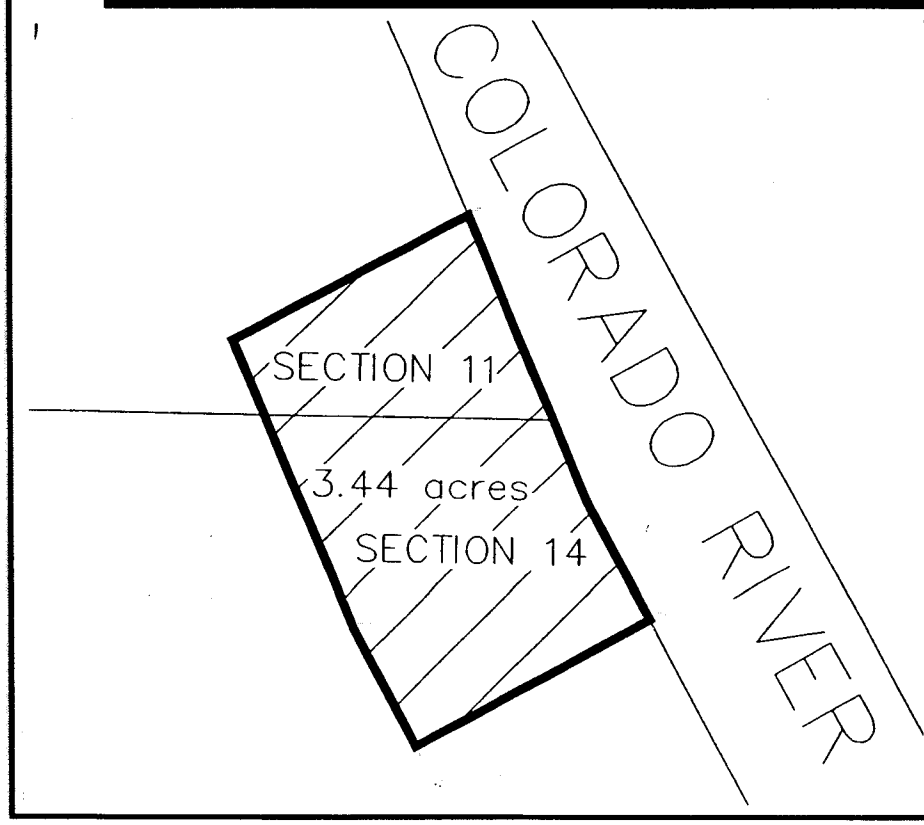


EXHIBIT "A"
SITE MAP - W 25540
GENERAL LEASE
T7S, R23E, S.B.M.
RIVERSIDE, COUNTY

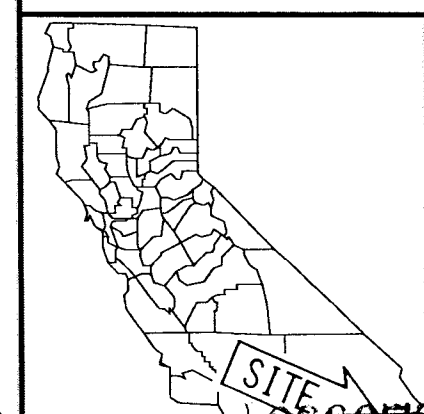


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EXHIBIT "B"
LAND DESCRIPTION

W 25540

A parcel of State owned sovereign land in portions of Section 11 and 14, T7S, R23E, S.B.M., Riverside County, California, described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point of intersection of the Right Descending Bank of the Present Colorado River Channel and an easterly extension of the section line between Sections 11 and 14, T7S, R23E, S.B.M.; thence southwesterly 250 feet along said Right Descending Bank; thence southwesterly 300 feet along a line being perpendicular to the said Right Descending Bank; thence northwesterly 500 feet along a line being parallel to the said Right Descending Bank; thence northeasterly 300 feet along a line being perpendicular to the said Right Descending Bank; thence southeasterly 250 feet along the said Right Descending Bank to the point of beginning and the end of the herein described parcel.

END DESCRIPTION

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