APPLICATION FOR EXPENDITURE OF REVENUES
FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS OF STORM DAMAGED PIER
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

By Chapter 78 of the Statutes of 1925, as most recently amended by Chapter 193 of the Statutes of 1975, the Legislature granted to the City of Santa Barbara certain tidelands and submerged lands in Santa Barbara harbor. Pursuant to the terms of this grant, the City must report to the Commission any expenditure of revenues in excess of $250,000, for any single capital improvement on the granted lands. The Commission may object to the expenditure on the basis that it is not in the statewide interest and benefit and not authorized by the grant.

Due to severe storm damage the Santa Barbara City Council has had to authorize $200,000 for emergency repairs on its main pier located on the granted lands and for protective work and repair work at the harbor. The cost of these repairs may exceed $250,000. In late February and early March giant waves swept over the breakwater, cut off utilities, undermined the breakwater and reached to the harbor master's office on the second floor. The storm washed beach, turf and portions of parking areas out to sea. Following this, even normal waves threatened lives and property, and a rock protective wall was built. Additional funds are for replacement of utilities and docks damaged. Staff believes that the use of the City's granted lands for this pier and harbor facilities is consistent with the statewide interest and benefit, and with the provisions of the City's grant. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission raise no objection to the proposed expenditure for emergency repairs to the pier and harbor facilities.
AB 884:  N/A.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT IT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUES IN EXCESS OF $250,000 TO REPAIR ITS STORM DAMAGED PIER AND HARBOR FACILITIES.

2. DIRECT STAFF TO REQUEST THAT THE CITY PROVIDE A STATEMENT OF ACTUAL MONIES EXPENDED TO COMPLETE NECESSARY REPAIRS, AND THE SOURCE(S) OF THE MONIES EXPENDED.

3. FIND THAT THE EMERGENCY REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CEQA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 15071 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.