CITY OF CARPINTERIA,
SURVEY AND MAPPING OF TRUST GRANT LANDS

APPLICANT: City of Carpinteria
5775 Carpinteria Avenue
Carpinteria, California 93013

BACKGROUND: By Chapter 1044, Statutes 1968 as amended by Chapter 1069, Statutes 1971, a portion of the tidelands and submerged lands granted to the County of Santa Barbara by Chapter 846, Statutes of 1931 were confirmed to the City of Carpinteria.

By Chapter 1044, Statutes 1968, "The State Lands Commission shall, at the cost of the City, survey and monument the granted lands and record a description and plat thereof in the office of the County Recorder of Santa Barbara County."

There is considerable uncertainty about the true location of the line of ordinary high water mark along the shore of the Pacific Ocean, fronting the City of Carpinteria, due to past acts of man which might have affected the location of that line. Resolution of the true boundary location would be very time consuming and expensive.

The City of Carpinteria is anxious to proceed with its plans for beach erosion control and development and needs to know the approximate location of the landward boundary of the granted tide and submerged lands so that it may administer its grant more effectively.
Staff of the Commission has proposed to the City that a 1964 mean high water line survey by the State Lands Commission be the basis for a Grant Line to be adopted by the Commission and City, until such time as the actual boundary location is resolved. The 1964 line is to be used only for administrative purposes of the City and is not intended to establish the landward limit of tide and submerged lands granted to the City.

Any lands lying between the mean high water line of the Pacific Ocean, as that line fluctuates, and landward of the described 1964 mean high tide line are also included in the grant for administrative purposes until the true boundary between uplands and tide and submerged lands is determined by a boundary line or land exchange agreement or litigation.

Staff of the Commission is prepared to compile a map and prepare a description of the administrative boundaries of granted land, and requests that Commission authorize a service agreement with the City of Carpinteria.

The City of Carpinteria has appropriated funds in the amount of $25,000 to reimburse the State Lands Commission for costs incurred in implementing the survey and mapping requirements of the grant statute.

Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA, because the activity is not a "project" as defined by CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.


This activity involves lands identified as possessing environmental values pursuant to PRC 6370, et seq., but will not affect those significant lands.
EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CARPINTERIA FOR THE SURVEY, MAPPING AND DESCRIBING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARIES OF LANDS GRANTED IN TRUST TO THE CITY BY CHAPTER 1044, STATUTES 1968 AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 1069, STATUTES 1971.

2. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061, BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY PRC 21065 AND 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15378.

3. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY WILL INVOLVE LANDS IDENTIFIED AS POSSESSING SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES PURSUANT TO PRC 6370, ET SEQ., BUT THAT SUCH ACTIVITY WILL HAVE NO DIRECT OR INDIRECT EFFECT ON SUCH LANDS.