

MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C39
was approved as Minute Item
No. C39 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 6/11/90
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APPROVAL OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY PERMIT
FOR TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
STATE LANDS COMMISSION

APPLICANT:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Attn: Peter Baumgardner
East Bay Land Dept.
1919 Webster Street
Oakland, California 94162

TERMS:

The term of the Non-Exclusive Geophysical
Survey Permit is from June 1, 1990 through
September 30, 1990.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

Required statutory filing fee, expense
deposit, and performance bond have not been
received.

STATUTORY REFERENCES:

- A. P.R.C. Section 6826.
- B. P.R.C. Section 21080, Subsection (c).
- C. P.R.C. Section 6870.
- D. Cal. Code Regs., Title 2, Article 2.9
Section 2100.
- E. Cal. Code Regs., Title, 2,
Section 2905(3)(3).
- F. Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Section 156074.

AB 884:

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. On May 24, 1984, the Commission, pursuant to the provisions of the CEQA, considered and adopted a Proposed Negative Declaration (ND 358, State Clearinghouse 84020113), for the program under which issuance of this permit is proposed. The Commission found, based on its record, that there was no substantial evidence that the program, as revised and approved, would have a significant effect on the environment. (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15074(b))
2. On October 5, 1987, the Commission considered applications for general geophysical permits. The Commission found that new information, obtained after the May 24, 1984 Negative Declaration, revealed that use of geophysical equipment, which emits strong acoustic pulses, may cause significant adverse effects upon the environment and that approval of a permit allowing use of such equipment required preparation of an environmental impact report. However, the Commission also found that no new information revealed any substantial evidence that use of passive equipment or low acoustic pulse-generating equipment, such as side-scan sonar and magnetometer, would have a significant effect on the environment. Based upon the May 24, 1984 Negative Declaration, the Commission, therefore, approved the issuance of permits for this type of equipment.
3. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370, et. seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the person nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the permit as part of the program for the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

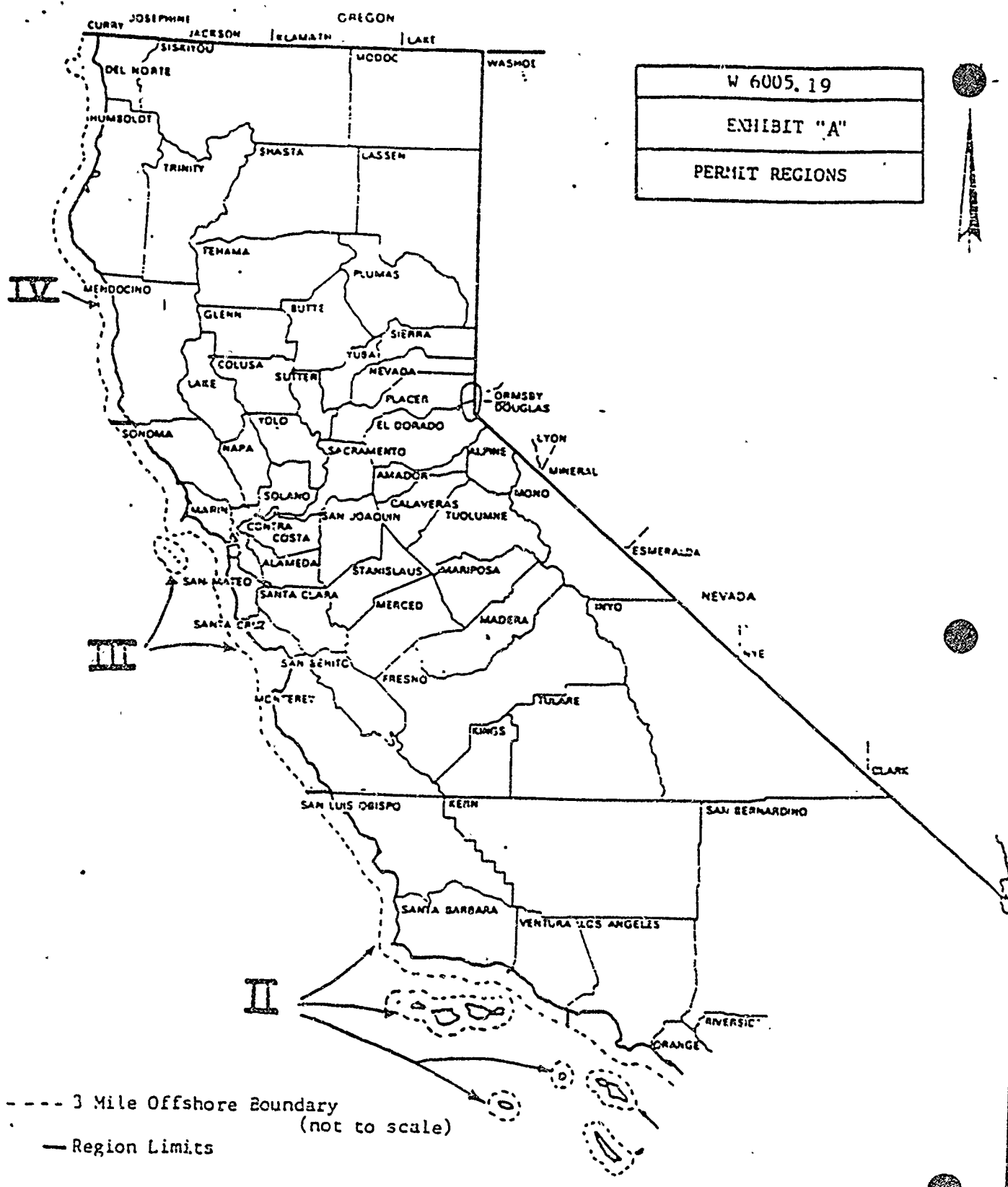
EXHIBIT:

A. Permit Regions.

CALENDAR ITEM NO. 039 (CONT'D)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT ON MAY 24, 1984, A NEGATIVE DECLARATION, ND 358, STAFF CLEARINGHOUSE #84020113, WAS CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED FOR THE PROGRAM UNDER WHICH ISSUANCE OF THIS PERMIT IS PROPOSED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CEQA, AND THAT ON OCTOBER 7, 1987, THE COMMISSION REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND THE COMMENTS IN THE COMMISSION'S FILES WHICH WERE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION.
2. DETERMINE THAT THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT THE PROGRAM UNDER WHICH ISSUANCE OF THE PERMIT IS PROPOSED, AS REVISED AND APPROVED, WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
3. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT LOW ENERGY GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 1990 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1990 WITHIN PERMIT REGIONS I, II, III, AND IV AS DESIGNATED ON EXHIBIT "A".



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EXHIBIT "A"
PERMIT REGIONS



- - - - 3 Mile Offshore Boundary
 (not to scale)
 — Region Limits

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