

MINUTE ITEM

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No. 80 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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**RATIFY AMENDMENT TO EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO
CONDUCT REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS
OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH OIL SPILL**

Following the Huntington Beach oil spill, the State Lands Commission entered into an emergency contract with Chambers Group, Inc. to document the biological effects of oiling of the beaches caused by the oil spill. That contract was in the amount of \$12,500.

Chambers Group, Inc. was used for this contract because of their extensive experience and environmental data base in the vicinity of Huntington Beach and surrounding areas.

Circumstances have arisen that change the term and cost of the contract. Unfortunately, oil continuously came ashore longer than anticipated, which resulted in additional costs for field personnel and more time for documentation of the photographic record. The additional cost is \$6,224.

Oil from this spill has been found in subtidal areas in the vicinity of the spill in amounts expected to have biological effects. Chambers Group, Inc. has taken biological samples from this area in previous projects and these can be used for baseline conditions prior to the spill. This amendment expands the scope of the project to include having the contractor take pre- and post-spill sampling and sediment samples, enter data from pre- and post-spill sampling on the computer, analyze the data and prepare a report. Chambers Group, Inc. has agreed to conduct this phase of the project for a cost not to exceed \$55,500.

The total contract amount would be \$74,224.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15378.
2. RATIFY AMENDMENT TO EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO CONDUCT REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH OIL SPILL AND PROVIDE REPORT TO THE COMMISSION.