

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar item No. C07
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No. C07 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 2
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**APPROVE A NON-EXCLUSIVE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY PERMIT
ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER
THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION**

APPLICANT:

Seafloor Surveys International Inc.
Attn: Paul Jubinski
Pier 66, 2201 Alaskan Way
Seattle, Washington 98121

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

Required statutory filing fee, expense deposit, and
performance bond have been received.

STATUTORY REFERENCE:

- A. P.R.C. Section 6826.
- B. P.R.C. Section 21080(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(e)(3).
- F. Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Section 15074.

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)).

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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 which provided for the use of equipment which has no more than two kilojoules of energy input.
3. Since 1987, geophysical surveys displaying passive or low-energy equipment have continued under the Commission's permits without significant incident. Staff is aware of no new evidence of potential environmental effects from the surveys.
4. 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.

Authority: P.R.C. 21065 and 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15378.

EXHIBIT:

- A. Permit Regions.

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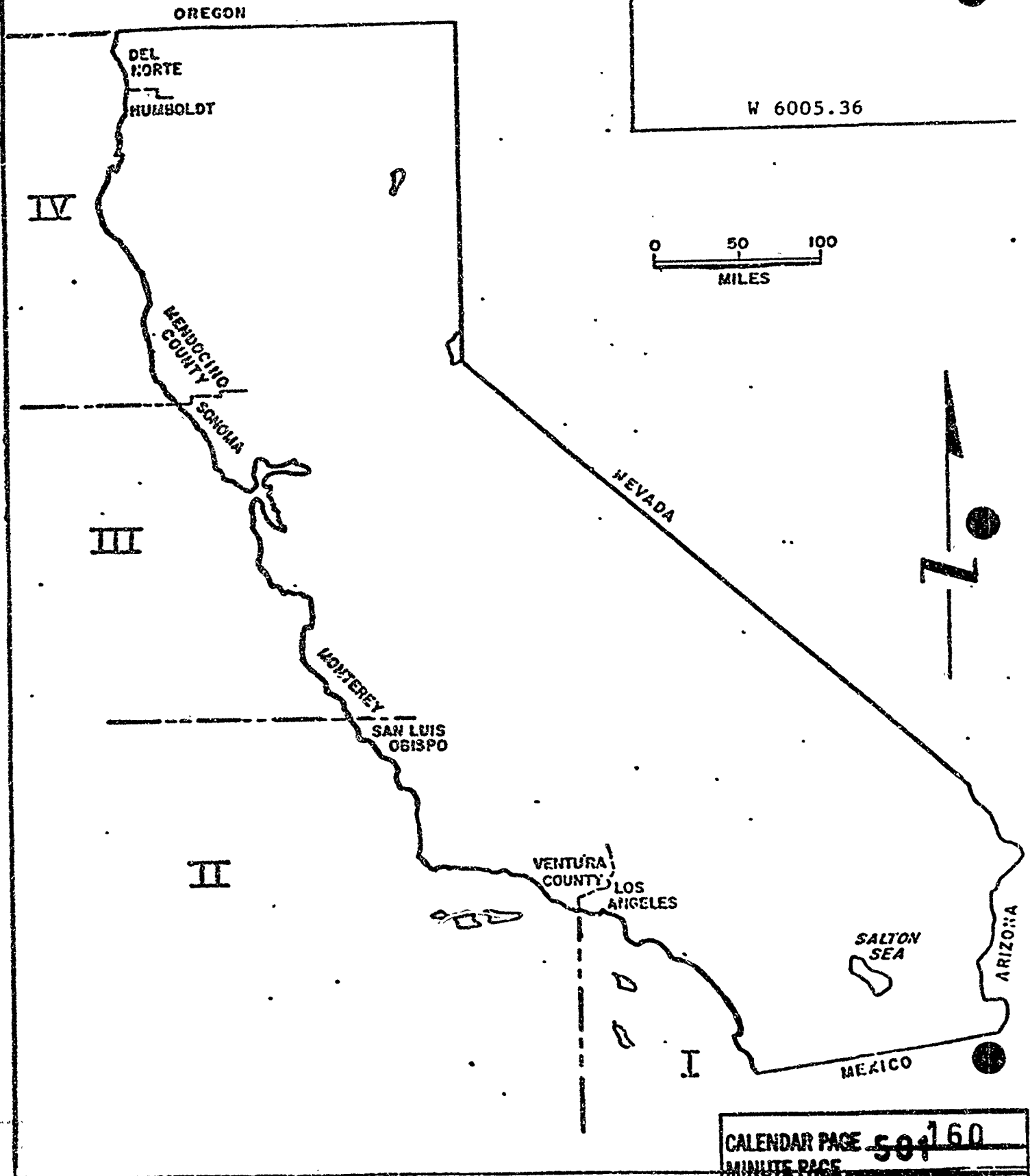
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

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 SEAFLOOR SURVEYS INTERNATIONAL INC. OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT LOW ENERGY GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 1991 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1993 WITHIN PERMIT REGIONS I, II, III, AND IV AS DESIGNATED ON EXHIBIT "A".

EXHIBIT "A"

PERMIT REGIONS

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