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DREDGING LEASE

APPLICANT:
City of Santa Barbara
P.O. Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:
Legislatively granted sovereign lands with minerals reserved to the State in Santa Barbara Harbor, city of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County.

AUTHORIZED USE:
Dredge a maximum of 1,000,000 cubic yards of material over a five-year period, with an annual maximum of 500,000 cubic yards, from Santa Barbara Harbor and reconfigure beaches within the Waterfront Area Sediment Management Program. The material is dredged from the following four areas within the Harbor: Leadbetter Beach (Santa Barbara Point), West Beach, East Beach and Marina. Sediment will also be deposited for a creation of a small boat quiet water sailing area off West Beach. Only materials meeting sediment quality standards would be dredged and deposited onshore.

The dredged material will be placed on or immediately offshore adjacent beaches, on lands granted to the city of Santa Barbara, to provide sand nourishment and offset erosion effects.

LEASE TERM:
Five years, beginning December 1, 2000.

CONSIDERATION:
No royalty will be charged, as the project will result in a public benefit; however; $0.25 per cubic yard will be charged for any material used for private benefit or commercial sale purposes.
1. Applicant is the Trustee of the legislatively granted sovereign lands, pursuant to Chapter 78, Statutes of 1925 and as amended.

2. Sediment accumulated in the waterfront area consists primarily of clean sands that are recently transported by natural longshore current processes and deposited within the protected areas of the Harbor (navigation channel and sandspit) and other waterfront areas. Sediment is also naturally transported by creek runoff and deposited in the waterfront area. Dredging, filling and grading would occur as necessary in order to attain and maintain the ideal configuration for navigation, recreation, operations, and economics. Sand would only be added to areas lower than the ideal configuration, and sand would only be taken away from areas higher than the ideal configuration.

3. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH 200031107) was prepared and adopted for this project by the city of Santa Barbara. The California State Lands Commission's staff has reviewed such document. A Mitigation Monitoring Program was adopted by the city of Santa Barbara.

4. Mitigation measures include sediment time and area restrictions on dredging, sediment disposal, and beach grooming activities to avoid impacts to sensitive wildlife species. Archaeological resource studies and monitoring are required within limited specified areas sensitive for subsurface deposits. Standard measures are also recommended to minimize short-term air quality, noise, traffic and parking effects of heavy equipment use.

5. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.
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APPROVALS OBTAINED:
  United States Army Corps of Engineers
  California Regional Water Quality Control Board
  California Coastal Commission

EXHIBIT:
  A. Site Map

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:
  N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:
  FIND THAT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND A
  MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM WERE PREPARED AND
  ADOPTED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE CITY OF SANTA
  BARBARA AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND
  CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.

  ADOPT THE MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM ON FILE IN
  THE SACRAMENTO OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS
  COMMISSION.

SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:
  FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE
  CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR
  THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE
  SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:
  AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A DREDGING LEASE TO THE
  CITY OF SANTA BARBARA BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2000,
  FOR A TERM OF 5 YEARS, FOR DREDGING A MAXIMUM OF
  1,000,000 CUBIC YARDS FROM THE LANDS SHOWN ON
  EXHIBIT A, ATTACHED, AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A
  PART HEREOF; SUCH PERMITTED ACTIVITY IS CONTINGENT
  UPON APPLICANT'S COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE
  PERMITS, RECOMMENDATIONS, OR LIMITATIONS ISSUED BY
  FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; NO ROYALTY
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SHALL BE CHARGED AS THE PROJECT WILL RESULT IN A PUBLIC BENEFIT; $0.25 PER CUBIC YARD SHALL BE CHARGED FOR ANY MATERIAL USED FOR PRIVATE BENEFIT OR COMMERCIAL SALE PURPOSES.
This Exhibit is solely for purpose of generally defining the lease premise, and is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed as, a waiver or limitation of any State interest in the subject or any other property.