

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C35 was approved as Minute Item No. 35 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 2 to 0 at its 12-08-05 meeting.

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GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE

APPLICANT:

University of California, San Diego

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

1.02 acres, more or less, of school lands within the Northwest ¼ of Section 4, Township 11 South, Range 10 East, SBM, near Salton City, Imperial County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Construction, use and maintenance of two laser strainmeter facilities and an unimproved dirt road.

LEASE TERM:

20 years, beginning December 8, 2005.

CONSIDERATION:

\$50 per year; with the State reserving the right to fix a different rent periodically during the lease term, as provided in the lease.

SPECIFIC LEASE PROVISION:

Insurance:

Liability insurance with coverage of no less than \$1,000,000.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. This Applicant is seeking permission to construct two laser strainmeter facilities on state school lands within the Northwest ¼ of Section 4, Township 11 South, Range 10 East, SBM, near Salton City. Laser strainmeters monitor the deformation of the earth, which provide information on faults and earthquake hazards. At this location, information can be provided on earthquake hazards of the southernmost segment of the San Andreas fault system.

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2. The strainmeter facilities will consist of four steel end buildings, set on 10-ft x 25-ft concrete foundations. Each building will contain four 80-foot deep drilled holes with strainmeter optics and electronics. Two 18-inch deep trenches will be dug and connecting pipes holding instrument signal-cables and power conduit will be installed. In addition, two above-ground vacuum pipes will be installed between the two buildings, and an unimproved and ungraded two-track road will be used to access the facilities from Highway 86, which crosses the subject parcel.

4. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 3, New Construction of Small Structures; Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15303.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300.

5. This activity involves lands which have NOT been identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq. However, the Commission has declared that all state school lands and submerged lands are "significant" by nature of their public ownership (as opposed to "environmentally significant"). Since such declaration of significance is not based upon the requirements and criteria of Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq., use classifications for such lands have not been designated. Therefore, the finding of the project's consistency with the use classification as required by Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2954 is not applicable.

FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:

Imperial County Planning Department
California State Water Resources Control Board

EXHIBIT:

- A. Location and Site Map

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

December 13, 2005

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 3, NEW CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL STRUCTURES; TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15303.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, OF A GENERAL LEASE – PUBLIC AGENCY USE, BEGINNING DECEMBER 8, 2005, FOR A TERM OF 20 YEARS, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO LASER STRAINMETER FACILITIES AS REPRESENTED ON THE LAND SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF; ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50, WITH THE STATE RESERVING THE RIGHT TO FIX A DIFFERENT RENT PERIODICALLY DURING THE LEASE TERM, AS PROVIDED IN THE LEASE; LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH COVERAGE OF NO LESS THAN \$1,000,000.

