

**CALENDAR ITEM
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AMENDMENT OF DREDGING LEASE

APPLICANT/LESSEE:

Chevron USA Inc., Richmond Refinery
841 Chevron Way
Richmond, California 94801-0627

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign lands in San Francisco Bay at the Chevron Richmond Long Wharf,
Contra Costa County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Dredge a maximum of 350,000 cubic yards of material annually for five years and five months to maintain a navigable depth. Dredged materials will be disposed at the United States Army Corps of Engineers' designated disposal site SF-11 (Alcatraz) and/or Hamilton Army Air Base wetland renewal project and/or other Dredged Material Management Office approved sites authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies, including upland reuse areas. Dredged material may not be sold.

LEASE TERM:

Five years, five months, beginning June 7, 2004.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

To maintain a navigable depth and expand the lease premises at the Long Wharf as shown on the attached Exhibit A and by this reference made a part hereof.

CONSIDERATION:

No royalty will be charged as the Project will result in a public benefit.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. On June 7, 2004, the Commission authorized the issuance of a five-year, five-month Dredging Lease, No. PRC 5805.9, to Chevron USA to

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maintenance dredge a maximum of 350,000 cubic yards of material annually from the lease premises. Due to silting that has occurred outside of the lease premises, Chevron has applied to amend the lease premises in order to dredge the silted area. The amount of material to be dredged will not be increased; it will remain at the previously authorized level of 350,000 cubic yards annually.

2. 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 4, Minor Alterations to Land, Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905 (d)(4).

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300 and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905.

3. 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.

APPROVALS REQUIRED:

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
United States Corps of Engineers
San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board

EXHIBIT:

- A. Location and Site Map

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

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PROJECT, CLASS 4, MINOR ALTERATIONS TO LAND; TITLE 2,
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 2905 (d)(4) .

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 SECTION 6370, ET
SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE THE AMENDMENT OF LEASE NO. PRC 5805.9 TO
EXPAND THE LEASE THE AREA FOR MAINTENANCE DREDGING AS
SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE
A PART HEREOF. SUCH PERMITTED ACTIVITY IS CONTINGENT
UPON LESSEE'S COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PERMITS,
RECOMMENDATIONS, OR LIMITATIONS ISSUED BY FEDERAL,
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. ALL OTHER TERMS AND
CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT WITHOUT
AMENDMENT.

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