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The Honorable Paul Seaton
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
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The Honorable Neal Foster
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
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Re: FY2019 Capital Budget Amendments HB 284/SB 142

Dear Finance Committee Co-Chairs,

Enclosed, please find a proposed amendment to the FY2019 capital budget to restore the Seismic Data Collection project for the Department of Natural Resources. On April 2, 2018, this project was removed from the Governor's budget as the administration expected additional time.

Since then, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) initiated the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Environmental Impact Statement. Initiation of this process has resulted in a renewed and immediate need for this seismic data in order to maximize the return to the state from the planned lease sale. This amendment restores the original capital project request and elaborates on the activities to be performed.

Thank you for your consideration of this budget amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat Pitney".

Pat Pitney
Director

Enclosures

1. FY2019 Budget Amendment Backup

cc: David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division
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