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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO CERTIFY FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The California State Lands Commission (Commission or CSLC) staff has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), identified as State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2016101008 and CSLC EIR No. 792, for the Becker and Legacy Wells Abandonment and Remediation Project (Project). The Commission is the lead agency for the proposed Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) because the Commission has the principal responsibility for approving or denying the Project. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 2906, Commission staff is providing an opportunity for public review of the Final EIR.

The Commission will review and consider certification of the Final EIR, and, if the Final EIR is certified, to take action on the proposed Project at the next scheduled meeting of the Commission, which is currently scheduled to be held on **August 17, 2017, in San Diego**. Further details of the Commission meeting will be provided on the Commission's website at www.slc.ca.gov as they become available.

The Becker and other legacy wells are located on the beach below the bluff at Lookout Park in Summerland, Santa Barbara County. These legacy oil wells date back to the 1890s and early 1900s and are known to leak oil on the beach and ocean. Commission staff conducted an assessment of the well in fall 2015 (Phase 1). The proposed Project (Phase 2) is designed to properly abandon and remediate the Becker well and potentially other legacy wells.

The Draft EIR was circulated for a public review period of at least 45 days, beginning May 19, 2017, and ending July 7, 2017. The Final EIR is comprised of the full text of the Draft EIR and subsequent changes, and includes the information below.

- Preface (Part I)
- Comments and Responses to Comments received on the May 2017 Draft EIR during the 45-day public comment period, including a list of persons, organizations, and public agencies that provided comments (Part II)

- Revisions to the May 2017 Draft EIR and other information added to the EIR (Part III)

The Final EIR has been prepared for the Commission pursuant to CEQA and in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.) The State CEQA Guidelines stipulate that an EIR must be prepared for any project that may have a significant impact on the environment. The Project is a “project” as defined by CEQA section 21065. Upon preliminary review, Commission staff determined that the Project may have a significant adverse impact on the environment and, therefore, an EIR was required.

The Final EIR may be viewed electronically, in PDF format, on the Commission’s website at www.slc.ca.gov (under “CEQA Notices”). Copies of the Final EIR will also be available for review at the following locations:

Library: Santa Barbara Public Library 40 E. Anapamu St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 962-7653	Local Government Offices: City of Carpinteria Attn: Steve Goggia 5775 Carpinteria Ave. Carpinteria, CA 93013 (805) 755-4414	County of Santa Barbara Attn: Peter Cantle 123 E. Anapamu St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2519
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If you would like a compact disc (CD) or hard copy of the Final EIR mailed to you, or if you have any questions or need further information, please contact Eric Gillies at the above contact address or telephone number or via email at eric.gillies@slc.ca.gov.

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