

MINUTE ITEM

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7. APPROVAL OF NEW WELL "STATE 3095" 426, PRC 3095.1, TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS, BELMONT OFFSHORE FIELD, ORANGE COUNTY; STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN OPERATIONS, INC. - PRC 3095.1.

During consideration of Calendar Item 11 attached, appearances were made by the following:

In Opposition to Issuance of the Permit

Edward Craig, Legislative Advocate, representing the
Board of Supervisors, County of Orange
Edward E. Smith, Councilman, City of Seal Beach
Robert Myers, City Manager, City of Seal Beach

In Favor of Approval of Issuance of the Permit

D. G. Couvillon, Standard Oil Company of California,
Western Operations, Inc.
R. E. France, Manager-Production, Standard Oil Company
of California

The Executive Officer read into the record a letter in opposition to issuance of the permit from George P. Kading, County Counsel, by Marvine Levine, Deputy County Counsel, County of Santa Barbara, dated June 18, 1971.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE APPROVAL OF DRILLING AND COMPLETING NEW WELL "STATE 3095" 426, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN OPERATIONS, INC., THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 3095.1, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

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Calendar Item 11 (1 page)

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APPROVAL OF NEW WELL "STATE 3095" 426

LEASE: PRC 3095.1.
LESSEE: Standard Oil Company of California, Western Operations, Inc.
COUNTY: Orange.
AREA: Belmont Offshore Field.

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

On January 28, 1971 (Minute Item 8, page 27), the Commission, after a detailed review of the drilling conditions and facilities available on Island "Esther" for prevention and containment of any oil spill, authorized the drilling of a new producing well. This well is being drilled currently.

In order to maintain a coordinated development program, Standard has submitted an application to drill an additional producing well, "State 3095" 426. The proposed completion interval in this well will provide for optimum development spacing. The well will be drilled from the man-made Island "Esther", located approximately two miles offshore Seal Beach. The facilities available and the procedures followed in drilling from such permanent structures are identical to those used at upland locations. The drilling and completion program has been reviewed by the Division, and has been determined to be in accordance with good engineering practices and the rules and regulations of the Commission. The State Division of Oil and Gas has approved the drilling of this well.

There will be no additional impact on the environment inasmuch as the proposed operations will be conducted utilizing existing facilities.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE APPROVAL OF DRILLING AND COMPLETING NEW WELL "STATE 3095" 426, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN OPERATIONS, INC., THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 3095.1, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.