

MINUTE ITEM

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21. AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT CONCERNING THE RESUMPTION OF DRILLING OPERATIONS ON STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRC 308.1, PRC 309.1, PRC 3120.1, PRC 3242.1 - W 9722, PRC 308.1, PRC 309.1, PRC 3120.1, PRC 3242.1.

After consideration of Calendar Item 19 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR HIS DESIGNATE, TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT RELATIVE TO THE RESUMPTION OF DRILLING OPERATIONS ON STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRC 308.1, PRC 309.1, PRC 3120.1, AND PRC 3242.1.

Attachment:

Calendar Item 19 (1 page)

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ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
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STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRC 308.1, PRC 309.1,
PRC 3120.1, PRC 3242.1

On December 11, 1974, the State Lands Commission authorized (1) the adoption of procedures for drilling and production operations on State leases, and (2) the resumption of drilling operations on a lease-by-lease basis, such resumption to be predicated upon review by the State Lands Division for compliance with the procedures and upon final approval by the State Lands Commission.

The lessees (Atlantic Richfield Company, operator) have submitted to the Division copies of an "Oil-Spill Contingency Plan" and "Critical Operations and Curtailment Plan" as stipulated in Section III of the operating procedures covering the subject leases. These are currently under review by the Division staff.

The Division is also reviewing the field operations of the lessees for compliance with Sections I and III of the procedures.

An environmental impact report has now been drafted in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act procedures, and it is proposed to circulate the report for public review. The Division, as lead agency, established an Ad Hoc State Offshore CEQA Committee made up of concerned State agencies to assure input and access to State information and advice on the preparation of the draft report. The draft environmental impact report has been coordinated with this committee.

A public hearing to get full exposure on the draft environmental impact report will assure adequate input to the EIR review process.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR HIS DESIGNATE, TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT RELATIVE TO THE RESUMPTION OF DRILLING OPERATIONS ON STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRC 308.1, PRC 309.1, PRC 3120.1, AND PRC 3242.1.