

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 35
was approved as Minute Item
No. 35 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 3-25-76 CALENDAR ITEM
meeting.

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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 1824.1, PRC 3150.1
AND PRC 4000.1

On January 14, 1975, the State Lands Commission determined that the applications of Standard Oil Company for resumption of drilling operations under State Oil and Gas Leases PRC 1824.1, PRC 3150.1 and PRC 4000.1, Santa Barbara County, would be considered only upon preparation of an environmental impact report in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

On July 24, 1975, the Commission, after solicitation of proposals for preparation of the EIR, authorized the Executive Officer to execute a contract with Woodward-Clyde, Consultants, for its preparation at a cost not to exceed \$42,000.

The environmental impact report has now been drafted in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act procedures, and it is currently being circulated for public review. The lessees 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 Commission's procedures for drilling and production operations on State 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.

In order to assure adequate input to the EIR review process and to receive full exposure on the draft environmental impact report, a public hearing is proposed to be held in May. The hearing would be held in Santa Barbara for convenience to those most directly affected.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN SANTA BARBARA ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT RELATIVE TO THE RESUMPTION OF DRILLING OPERATIONS ON STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRC 1824.1, PRC 3150.1 AND PRC 4000.1.

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