

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 31 was approved as Minute Item No. 31 by the State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 3/22/84 meeting.

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PRC 2206  
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DEFERMENT OF DRILLING OPERATIONS  
STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES  
PRC 2206

LESSEE: Texaco, Inc.  
3350 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90010

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:  
State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 2206.1 was issued to Texaco on July 25, 1958 and contains approximately 3,840 acres of tide and submerged lands west of Gaviota. See Exhibit "A".

SUMMARY:  
On April 27, 1982, the Commission authorized the resumption of drilling operations on State Lease PRC 2206, thereby terminating the drilling moratorium. On October 28, 1982 the Commission authorized a deferment of drilling requirements to May 1, 1983. On April 28, 1983 the Commission granted a further deferment until May 31, 1984.

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Nevertheless, on September 7, 1983, Texaco commenced drilling PRC 2206 No. 14 well to utilize an air emission offset credit period which permits drilling from May 15, to November 30. Well No. 14 was a dry-hole, and a directional re-drill hole encountered mechanical problems and was abandoned on December 30, 1983. The 120 day continuous drilling requirement of this lease will obligate Texaco to commence drilling by April 30, 1984. Texaco now proposes to drill an exploratory well on nearby lease PRC 2725. Upon completion of that well, it is proposed to move back on PRC 2206.

Texaco proposes to conduct additional geophysical surveys on PRC 2206 and does not know if this survey and analysis can be completed, or if the well on PRC 2206 can be drilled in time to permit drilling during the next air emission offset window. Texaco, therefore, requests that the State Lands Commission approve a deferment of the lease drilling requirement from April 30, 1984 until May 1, 1985.

AB 684: N/A.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a "project" as defined by CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

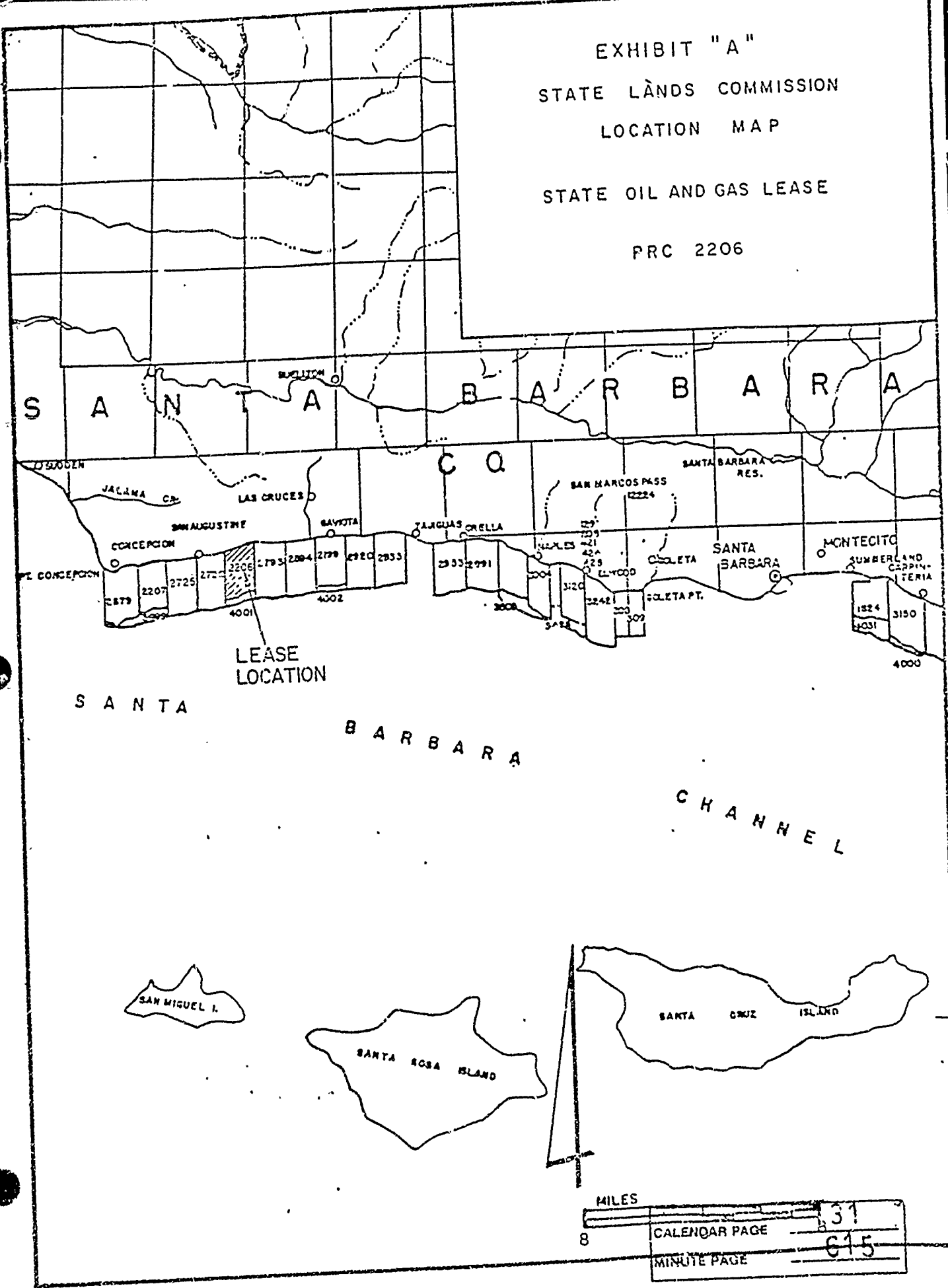
Authority: P.R.C. 21065 and 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15378.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061 BECAUSE IT IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15378.
2. APPROVE A DEFERMENT OF THE DRILLING REQUIREMENTS ON STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2206.1 FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 30, 1984 TO MAY 1, 1985; ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

EXHIBIT "A"  
 STATE LANDS COMMISSION  
 LOCATION MAP  
 STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE  
 PRC 2206



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