

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 75  
was approved as Minute Item  
No. 75 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3  
at its 6/11/90  
meeting.

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AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS

PARTY: State Lands Commission

The State Lands Commission (SLC) and the Division of Oil and Gas (Division) of the Department of Conservation currently have separate regulations and administrative procedures for the exploration, development, and production of oil and gas in State waters. A number of years ago, a decision was made to jointly adopt regulations. The process was commenced but was interrupted by the Exxon Valdez and the American Trader oil spills. A review and a strengthening of the proposed regulations have been accomplished in light of the lessons of those oil spills. Staff and the Division are now ready to proceed with the adopting process. As part of the process, a public hearing or hearings will be necessary. This item is to request authorization for the Executive Officer, or his designee to conduct the required hearing.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

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

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

AB 884: N/A.

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15378.
2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A HEARING OR HEARINGS AS REQUIRED BY THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW UNDER THE PROCEDURES FOR THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS.

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