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CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION
MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2015

**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
100 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA 92660**

APPEARANCES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

- Gavin Newsom, Lieutenant Governor (Kevin Schmidt, Policy Director and Alternate for Lt. Governor participated in the consideration of Item 84)
- Betty T. Yee, State Controller
- Eraina Ortega, Chief Deputy Director and Alternate for Director of the Department of Finance Michael Cohen

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Jennifer Lucchesi, Executive Officer
- Pamela Griggs, Assistant Chief Counsel

REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

- Joseph Rusconi, Deputy Attorney General

NOTE: A list of individuals making statements before the Commission and the entities they represent, along with the Executive Officer's Report, are included in a complete transcript of the proceedings, which is on file in the Sacramento offices of the Commission and posted on the Commission's website at www.slc.ca.gov. Also included on the website is the voting record of the meeting with the staff report for each agenda item linked to the respective consent, regular or informational item number. A link to a recorded Cal-Span.org webcast of the meeting is also available on the Commission's website. All of these items may be found under Previous Meetings, by date of the meeting.

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE
CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION
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Chair Gavin Newsom called the meeting of the California State Lands Commission to order at 1:35 P.M. at the City of Newport Beach Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, California 92660; also present were Commissioner Betty T. Yee and Commissioner Alternate Eraina Ortega.

(The State Lands Commission adjourned into closed session from 1:38 P.M. to 1:55 P.M., then resumed open session at 1:57 P.M.)

The Minutes of the June 29, 2015 Meeting were approved by a vote of 3-0 (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Yes).

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Executive Officer Jennifer Lucchesi updated the Commission on the following items:

- State Lands Commission staff continues discussions and exchanging information with Martins Beach, LLC representatives for the acquisition of a public access easement or right-of-way. The appraisal of the property interest for a public access easement should be completed within the next couple weeks. After the appraisal is completed, the State Lands Commission staff will make an offer to Martins Beach, LLC to acquire a public access easement consistent with Senator Hill's legislation.
- The clean-up effort on the Refugio oil spill, that occurred three months ago, is about 98% complete. One ongoing challenge is assessing whether the tar balls that have been noted along the coast in this area are related to the Refugio oil spill.
- The State Lands Commission and the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary recently launched the Tomales Bay Mooring Program. The program allows moorings in appropriate locations and addresses illegal and improper moorings. It also establishes various criteria for moorings.
- The Executive Officer acknowledged the retirement Deputy Attorney General Joe Rusconi. Mr. Rusconi has been with the Attorney General's Office since 1980. He has represented the Commission in litigation involving public lands and navigable waters, including and specifically title and boundary issues.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Consent Items C05, C22, C28, C35, and C76 were removed from consideration.
- Consent Items C61 and C68 were moved to the Regular Calendar.
- Consent Items C01-C04, C06-C21, C23-C27, C29-C34, C36-C60, C62-C67, C69-C75, C77, and C78 were approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Yes).

RECORD OF ACTION CONTINUED

INFORMATIONAL CALENDAR

- Item 79 was informational – no vote required.

REGULAR CALENDAR

(Items appear in the order heard)

ITEM 80: A staff presentation was made to the Commission to consider the authorization of the Commission staff to conduct investigations and assessments for the Summerland Field Becker onshore well located in the surf zone of the Pacific Ocean at Summerland Beach, Santa Barbara County.

Item 80 – was approved as presented by a 3-0 vote (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Yes).

ITEM 81: A staff presentation was made to the Commission to consider adopting a support if amended position on SB 399 and authorize staff to continue opposing the bill if the author did not amend SB 399. This amended staff recommendation differed from the staff recommendation in the staff report because just prior to the Commission's August 19th meeting, the author of SB 399 made a verbal commitment to staff to amend SB 399 to remove the lease renewal language and change the maximum lease term to 66 years.

Item 81 – was approved as amended by a 2-0 vote (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Abstained).

ITEM C61: A staff presentation was made to the Commission to consider an amendment to Lease No. PRC 8079.9 to construct and maintain 3.6 square miles of dust control and transition 1.8 square miles of existing dust control on the bed of Owens Lake, Inyo County.

Item C61 – was approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Yes).

ITEM C68: A staff presentation was made to the Commission to consider authorizing the acceptance of a Clear List from the Bureau of Land Management and the execution and recordation of the Certificate of Acceptance and Consent to Recording for indemnity-selected school lands located near the intersection of Interstate 15 and L Street in the City of Barstow, San Bernardino County.

Item C68 – was approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Yes).

RECORD OF ACTION CONTINUED

ITEM 82: A staff presentation was made to the Commission on the status of the Commission's Draft Strategic Plan.

Item 82 – was informational – no vote required.

ITEM 83: A staff presentation was made to the Commission concerning the development of a Commission tribal consultation policy.

Item 83 – was informational – no vote required.

ITEM 84: A staff presentation was made to the Commission on the status of the Bolsa Chica Lowlands Restoration Project located in the City of Huntington Beach, Orange County.

Item 84 – was informational – no vote required.

The Commission meeting public session was adjourned at 4:29 P.M.

**STAFF AND PUBLIC ADDRESSING
THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR ITEMS
AUGUST 19, 2015**

ITEM C61

Grace Kato, Public Land Manager II, Land Management Division, CSLC
Jennifer DeLeon, Environmental Program Manager I, Division of Environmental
Planning and Management, CSLC

- Julie Riley, Deputy City Attorney, City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power

ITEM 80

Steve Curran, Petroleum Drilling Engineer, Mineral Resources Management
Division, CSLC

- Jenna Driscoll, Watershed and Marine Program Associate, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper
- Fran Farina, Executive Committee, Santa Barbara Sierra Club
- Hillary Hauser, Executive Director, Heal the Bay
- Dr. Lee Heller

ITEM 84

Dave Brown, Assistant Executive Officer, CSLC

- Roger Bloom, Board Member, Bolsa Chica Land Trust
- Molly Burdick-Whipp, Staff Biologist, Bolsa Chica Conservancy
- Shirley Dettloff, Board Member, Amigos de Bolsa Chica

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers