

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 5
was approved as Minute Item
5 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 7-17-79
meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

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PRC 2879.1

AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING OF EIR WITH UNION OIL COMPANY
CONCERNING RESUMPTION OF DRILLING OPERATIONS
UNDER OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2879.1

Union Oil Company of California has made an application to the State Lands Commission for permission to resume drilling operations under State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 2879.1, Santa Barbara County.

The purpose of the proposed project is to drill up to 4 exploratory wells to evaluate the hydrocarbon potential of several geologic formations in the southerly (seaward) portion of the lease. Inasmuch as the proposed exploratory well drilling will involve offshore operations from a floating or mobile vessel and there is a substantial body of opinion that considers such operations as having an adverse effect upon the environment, it will be necessary to prepare an EIR for the project.

The State Lands Commission will serve as the "lead agency" for the purpose of preparing the EIR. The Commission's staff has determined that the EIR should be prepared by a private consulting organization under contract to the State Lands Commission.

On September 27, 1978, the Commission authorized the solicitation of proposals for preparation of the EIR for this project and authorized the Executive Officer to award a contract to the best qualified bidder. Proposals have been received and evaluated and staff is currently preparing a contract with Westec Services, Inc. in the amount of \$124,837.

The provisions of the Resources Agency Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA of 1970, as amended, and the Commission's Article 10 contained within Title 2, Division 3 of CEQA stipulate that all costs including the Commission's administrative costs for the preparation, etc., of an EIR shall be borne by the project applicant.

Further, as part of the Draft EIR review process the staff proposes to conduct 2 public hearings, 1 in Santa Barbara and 1 in Sacramento.

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EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP AND SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH UNION OIL COMPANY WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDING FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE EIR FOR UNION'S RESUMPTION OF DRILLING OPERATIONS.
2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE PURPOSE SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE DRAFT EIR COVERING THE RESUMPTION OF DRILLING OPERATION UNDER STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2879.1, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY.

EXHIBIT "A"

STATE LANDS COMMISSION

W 40118

Resumption of Drilling Operations

PRC 2879.1

UNION OIL COMPANY of CALIFORNIA

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

September 1978

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35 MILES TO
SANTA BARBARA

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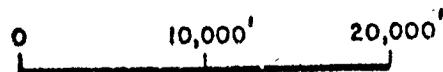
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