

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 41
was approved as Minute Item
No. 41 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 10-29-79
meeting.

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41.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON
JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

The Union Oil Company of California proposes to construct and operate: (1) two oil and gas production platforms in their Hueneme and Santa Clara Units of the Federal Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) offshore the City of Oxnard; (2) pipelines from such platforms to an onshore location; and (3) an attendant onshore processing facility.

The City of Oxnard is serving as the Lead Agency, under the terms and provisions of the CEQA of 1970, as amended, for the preparation of the required EIR. The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), largely due to the Commission's success with the Shell Beta EIR/EA, has encouraged a similar effort for the Union EIR. Under the proposed procedure, a "steering committee" of Federal, State and local agencies will assist the City, pursuant to the provisions of a Memorandum of Understanding, in the preparation of a joint environmental study consistent with the provisions of CEQA and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE PREPARATION OF A JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED UNION OIL COMPANY PROJECT.

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