

MINUTE ITEM

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No. 34 by the State Lands
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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONSULTING CONTRACT
AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PREPARATION
OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

On November 21, 1979, the State Lands Commission's staff accepted Shell Oil Company's application for resumption of drilling on State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 2920.1, the Molino Field, offshore Santa Barbara County, California. Shell proposes to drill and, if feasible, produce one 14,000 foot gas well. Shell would also test the Monterey Formation for oil should the Eocene gas zone prove to be non-productive.

State Lands Commission is the lead agency for this project under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970. Accordingly, the Commission staff requested proposals from sixteen (16) consulting firms. Two proposals were received, one from WESTEC Services, Inc., and one from Chambers Consultants and Planners.

After thoroughly reviewing the two proposals, the Commission staff believes that Westec Services, Inc. is the best qualified consultant to prepare the requisite EIR for this project. The "not to exceed cost" for this EIR is sixty-one thousand, four hundred forty-three dollars (\$61,443.00).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$61,443.00) WITH WESTEC SERVICES, INC. FOR PREPARATION OF THE EIR FOR THE PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF DRILLING ON STATE LEASE NO. PRC 2920.1.
2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SHELL OIL COMPANY FOR ALL STAFF AND CONSULTANT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE EIR.

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