

MINUTE ITEM

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No. 25 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 2
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EXTENSION OF TIME ON LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION
TO DRILL A TEST BORE

APPLICANT: Chevron U.S.A., Inc.
P. O. Box 5050
San Ramon, California 94583-0905

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:
A test bore to be drilled from an upland
location onto tide and submerged land, north of
Point Conception, Santa Barbara County.

LAND USE: Drilling of a test bore.

BACKGROUND:

In May 23, 1985, the State Lands Commission approved the project
and authorized the issuance of a Letter of Authorization to
Chevron U.S.A., Inc. to drill a test bore using a horizontal
directionally drilled shore crossing technique. The test was
to determine the feasibility of using the new technique as an
alternative to conventional trenching and backhoe methods for a
proposed pipeline placement. The test was to begin June 6,
1985 and conclude July 31, 1985. The Letter of Authorization
expires on August 7, 1985. The project was determined to be
exempt from the CEQA under a categorical exemption, Class 6,
Information Collection (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15306).

CURRENT SITUATION:

Construction difficulties have delayed the test start date and
Chevron has requested a 60-day extension of time to conduct the
test.

APPLICANT STATUS:

Applicant is owner of upland.

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STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Parts 1 and 2; Div. 13.
- B. Cal. Adm. Code: Title 2, Div. 3; Title 14, Div. 6.

AB 884:

N/A.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.
2. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 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. Adm. Code 15378.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

Coastal Commission and County of Santa Barbara.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description.
- B. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15378.
2. AUTHORIZE A 60-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME ON A PREVIOUSLY ISSUED LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION ON FILE IN THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION TO CONDUCT TEST BORE DRILLING ON STATE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LAND APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILES NORTH OF POINT CONCEPTION, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. ALL REMAINING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

EXHIBIT "A"

LAND DESCRIPTION

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A strip of tide and submerged land 10 feet wide in the Pacific Ocean 1.5 miles north of Point Conception, Santa Barbara County, California, the centerline of said strip being described as follows:

BEGINNING at the test drilling entry point, at the approximate California Coordinate System, Zone 5 coordinates of X = 1,255,561 and Y = 361,026; thence N 89° 06' 00" W 3480 feet to the end of the herein described line.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portion lying landward of the ordinary high water mark.

This description is based on the California Coordinate System, Zone 5.

END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED JULY 2, 1985 FY BOUNDARY SERVICE UNIT, M. L. SHAFER, SUPERVISOR.

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