MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 23 was approved as Minute Item No. 23 by the State Lands Commission by a vote of 2 to 0 at its 3/27/86 meeting.

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POWER CABLE TO SHORE FACILITIES
FROM PLATFORM ESTHER AT SEAL BEACH, ORANGE COUNTY

APPLICANT: Chevron USA, Operator
P.O. Box 6197
Ventura, California 93006
Attn: J.F. Dowling

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:
3360 acres of tide and submerged lands under State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 3095, Chevron USA, Inc. operator, which is the site of drilling and production Platform Esther located offshore from Seal Beach, California.

BACKGROUND: In March, 1984 the Commission found the replacement of Island Esther, destroyed by a storm, with Platform Esther, to be categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15032. The approved project contemplated use of an existing power cable. However, tests have determined that the existing cable has deteriorated and a new cable will be required. Chevron plans to replace the existing power cable by installing one four-inch 6000 KVA power cable running from Platform Esther to shore production processing facilities.

The activity involves only areas already leased to the applicant and calls for the replacement of an existing facility. It requires only technical (engineering and safety) review by staff to insure the Lessee is using good oil field practice. (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15061). The staff has determined that this activity is

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exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorical exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 2, Replacement or Reconsruction, 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15302.

Authority: PRC 21084, and 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15300.

AB 884: N/A.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map, Lease Area and Platform Esther.

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 AS A CATEGORICAL EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 2, REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION, 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15302.

2. DIRECT THE STAFF TO COMPLETE ITS TECHNICAL REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION OF CHEVRON USA TO INSTALL ONE POWER CABLE AND DELEGATE TO STAFF THE APPROVAL OF THE FINAL ENGINEERING SPECIFICATIONS.

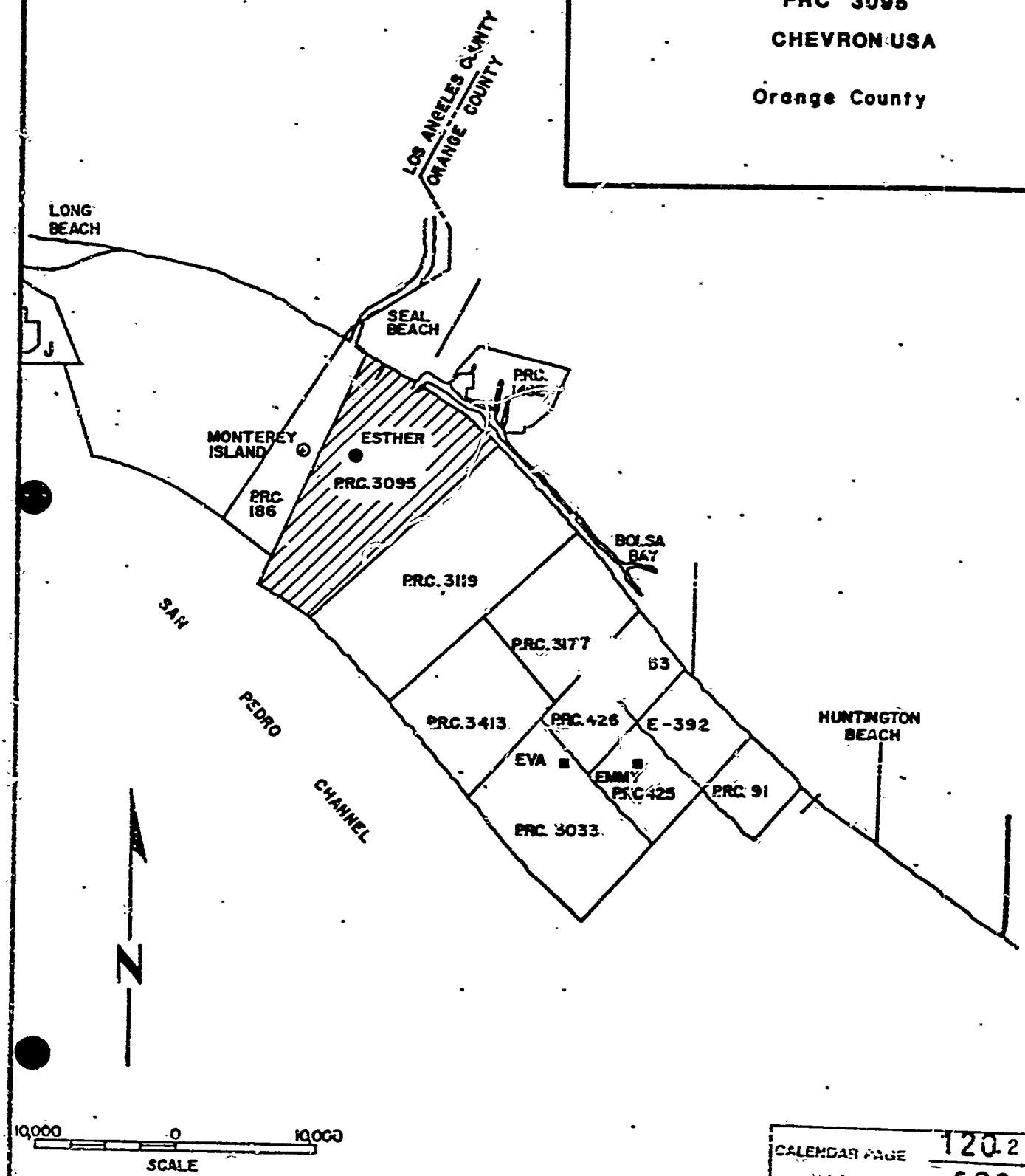
EXHIBIT "A"

STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE

PRC 3095

CHEVRON USA

Orange County



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