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CALENDAR ITEM

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ACCEPT THE QUITCLAIM DEED FOR
STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2955,
REFUGIO OFFSHORE FIELD, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

LESSEE:

Phillips Petroleum Company
Attn: April D. Bennett
P. O. Box 7500
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74005-7500

BACKGROUND:

State oil and gas lease PRC 2955 was issued on December 20, 1962 to Texaco, Inc. On November 29, 1984, Texaco assigned this lease to Phillips Petroleum Company.

The lease consists of approximately 4,250.14 acres of tide and submerged lands within the Refugio Offshore Field, Santa Barbara County.

Resumption of drilling was authorized for this lease on April 22, 1982. Two exploratory wells have been drilled on this lease by Texaco, Inc. The first well was drilled in 1965 and reached a total depth of 9,748 feet. The second well was drilled in 1982 from an onshore location to a total depth of 7,022 feet. Both wells were plugged and abandoned without discovering commercial quantities of oil and gas.

P.R.C. 6804.1 and lease paragraph 6 permit the Lessee to make at any time a written quitclaim of all rights under the lease or of any portion of the leased lands comprising a ten-acre parcel or multiple thereof in a compact form. The quitclaim is effective on the date it is filed with the State, subject to the continued obligation of the lessee and its surety to pay all accrued rentals and royalties and to abandon all wells drilled on the leased lands.

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On March 26, 1992, the Commission received Phillips' "Quitclaim of Oil and Gas Lease" for State oil and gas lease PRC 2955. This document is dated March 18, 1992 and quitclaims to the State all of the Lessee's right, title and interest in and to the leased lands described in Exhibit "A".

A review of the Commission's files reveals that no default exists on the lease, that the Lessee has complied with all applicable laws and lease provisions and has paid all rentals and royalties.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:
P.R.C. 6804 and Lease Paragraph 6.

AB 884:
N/A.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. All wells drilled on and into the leased lands were plugged and abandoned in accordance with Division of Oil and Gas requirements (see Exhibit "C").

2. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 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. Code Regs. 15378.

EXHIBIT:

A. Land Description.
B. Location Map.
C. Report of Well Abandonment.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061, BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15378.

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2. ACCEPT THE QUITCLAIM DEED FROM PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY, EFFECTIVE MARCH 26, 1992, FOR STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2955 QUITCLAIMING TO THE STATE, ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO THE LEASED LANDS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A".

3. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF ANY DOCUMENT NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE COMMISSION'S ACTION.

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EXHIBIT "A"

PRC 2955

LAND DESCRIPTION

A parcel of tide and submerged land in the Santa Barbara Channel, Pacific Ocean, situate in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, described as follows:

That area of tide and submerged land bounded on the West by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, north-south grid line having an X value of 1372140; bounded on the East by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, north-south grid line having an X value of 1382290; bounded on the North (landward) by the Ordinary High Water Mark of the Santa Barbara Channel; bounded on the South (seaward) by a line parallel with the Ordinary High Water Mark and seaward therefrom three nautical miles.

END OF DESCRIPTION

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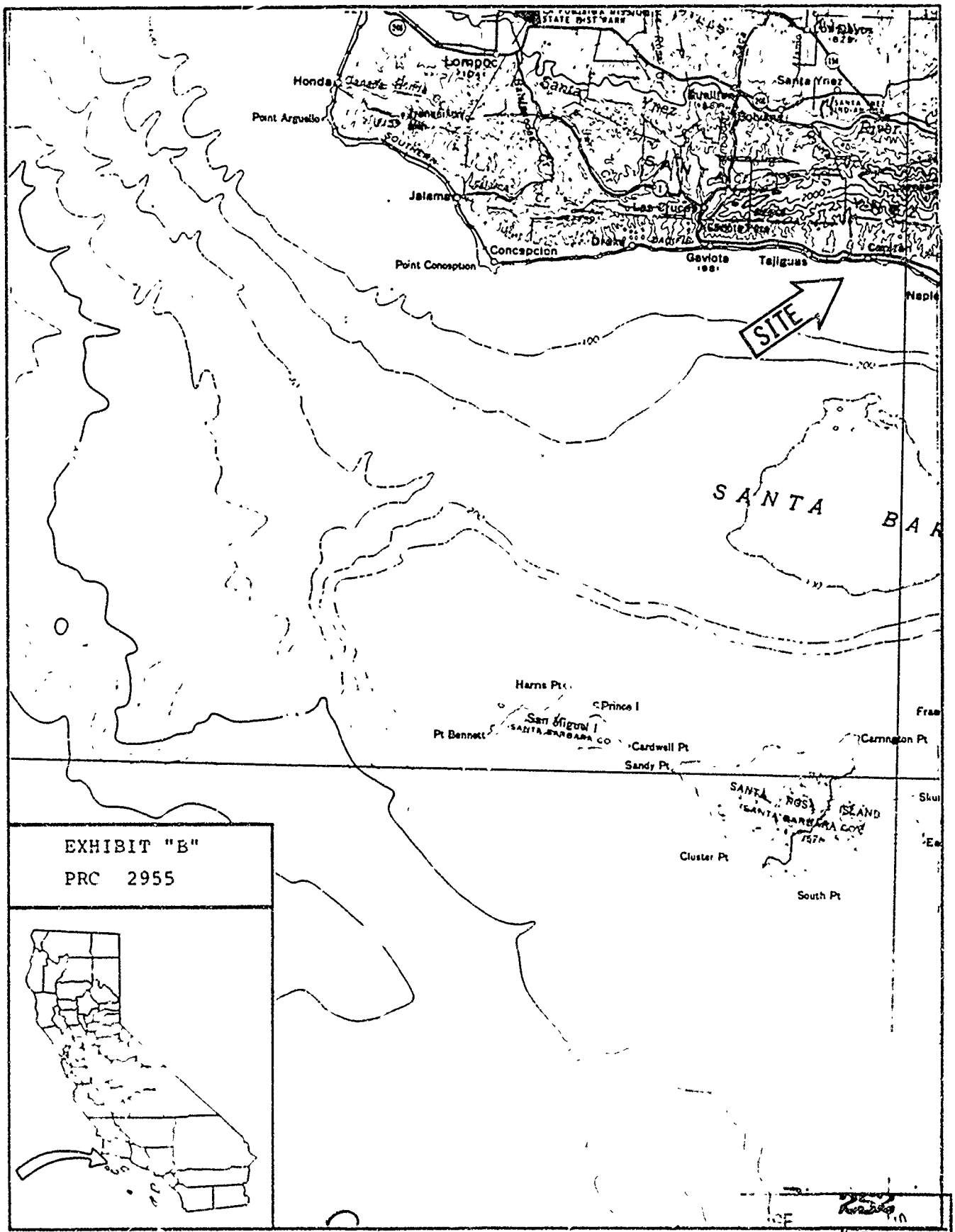

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Exhibit "C"

FORM 150

RESOURCES AGENCY OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS

REPORT OF WELL ABANDONMENT

083-03745

Santa Maria, California

April 30, 1971

Mr. C. G. Puder, Res. Engineer
State of California Division of Highways
Route 1, Box 262 B
Goleta, California

DEAR SIR:

Re Texaco Inc.

Your report of abandonment of Well No. "Texaco-Monterey Rutherford" 1, Proj. Sec. 1, T. 4N, R. 31W, S.B.B. & M., Refugio Cove Gas field, Santa Barbara County, dated April 26, 1971, received April 29, 1971, has been examined in conjunction with records filed in this office.

A review of the reports and records shows that the requirements of this Division, which are based on all information filed with it, have been fulfilled.

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No bond required

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CC Texaco Inc.
Conservation Committee

WESLEY G. BRI[illegible]
State Oil and Gas Supervisor

By [signature]
Deputy Supervisor

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RESOURCES AGENCY OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS

REPORT OF WELL ABANDONMENT

(805) 925-2686

Santa Maria, California

February 28, 1983

Mr. Don L. Hynek, Agent
Texaco Inc.
P. O. Box 3337
Ventura, CA 93006

DEAR SIR:

Your report of abandonment of Well No. "State 2955" 2 (283-20297), Sec. 31, T. 5N, R. 30W, S.B. B. & M., Refugio Cove Gas field, Santa Barbara County, dated 1-27-83, received 2-28-83, has been examined in conjunction with records filed in this office.

A review of the reports and records shows that the requirements of this Division, which are based on all information filed with it, have been fulfilled.

Map No.	Map Letter	Bond No.	Forms 1-5	114	121
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cc: Conservation Committee
State Lands Division

M. G. MEFFERD
State Oil and Gas Supervisor

By _____
Deputy Supervisor

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