

CALENDAR ITEM

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MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C 68
was approved as Minute Item
No. 68 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 9/23/92
meeting.

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PRC 129
PRC 208
PRC 3120
PRC 3242
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APPROVE THE DEFERMENT OF DRILLING OPERATIONS
STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRC 129, PRC 208, PRC 3120
AND PRC 3242, ELLWOOD OIL FIELD AND
SOUTH ELLWOOD OFFSHORE FIELD,
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

OPERATOR:

ARCO Oil and Gas Company
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AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

State oil and gas lease PRC 129 was issued on January 27, 1944 and contains approximately 254 acres of tide and submerged land west of Goleta. State oil and gas lease PRC 208 was issued on January 18, 1946 and contains approximately 1,920 acres of tide and submerged lands west of Goleta. State oil and gas lease PRC 3120 was issued on April 29, 1964 and contains approximately 3,324 acres of tide and submerged lands west of Goleta. State oil and gas lease PRC 3242 was issued on April 8, 1965 and contains 4,290 acres of tide and submerged lands west of Goleta.

BACKGROUND:

On July 14, 1991, the State Lands Commission granted ARCO Oil and Gas Company (ARCO) a drilling deferment until September 1, 1992 to allow ARCO time to study and propose alternative development plans for these leases that are economically and technologically feasible and are compatible with other public trust uses of these lands and will mitigate significant adverse environmental impacts.

On July 29, 1992, ARCO requested a further deferment of drilling obligations on these leases until September 1, 1994 to allow for further study of development alternatives for these leases.

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STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

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

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N/A

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- 1. 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 it is not a "project" as defined by the CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Authority: P.R.C. 21065 and 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15378.

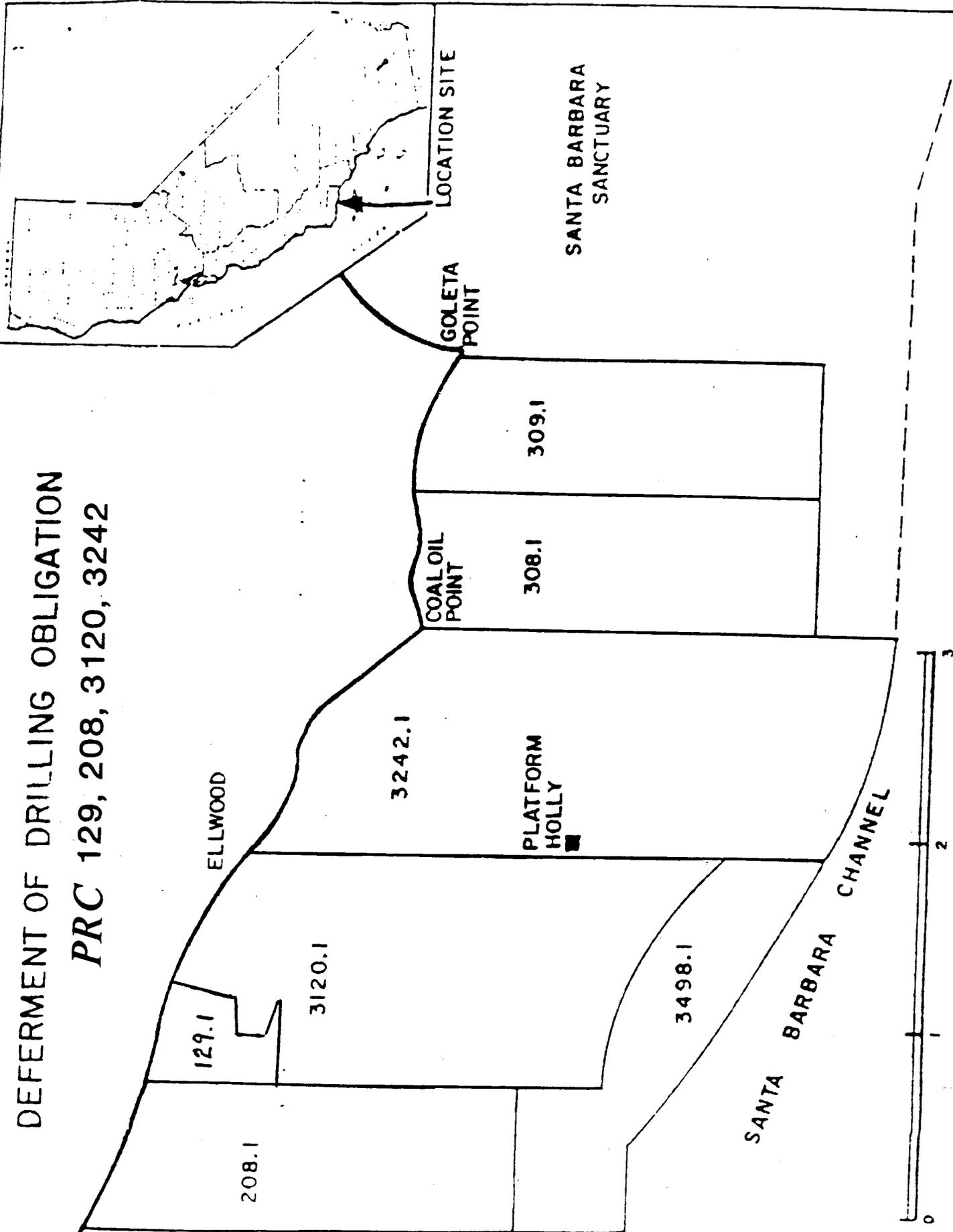
EXHIBIT:

- A. 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. CODE REGS. 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15378.
- 2. APPROVE A DEFERMENT OF THE DRILLING OBLIGATIONS UNDER STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRCs 129, 208, 3120 AND 3242 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 1994.

DEFERMENT OF DRILLING OBLIGATION
PRC 129, 208, 3120, 3242



(REVISED 9/22/92)



ENCLOSURE II, III