

This Calendar Item No. C79  
was approved as Minute Item  
No. 79 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3  
to 0 at its 3-8-94  
meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

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PRC 3814  
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ACCEPT THE FULL QUITCLAIM DEEDS  
FOR STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES  
PRC 3184 AND PRC 3403,  
OFFSHORE PITAS POINT,  
VENTURA COUNTY

LESSEE:

Chevron U.S.A. Inc.  
Attn: Lee Bafalon, Senior Land Representative  
P. O. Box 6917  
Ventura, California 93006

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

State oil and gas lease PRC 3184 contains 5,540 acres of  
tide and submerged lands and PRC 3403 contains 5,300 acres  
of tide and submerged lands offshore Pitas Point, Ventura  
County, California.

LAND USE:

State oil and gas leases.

CURRENT LEASE TERMS:

Lease period:

20 plus (commercial economic quantities) years  
beginning 9/24/64 (PRC 3184) and 11/18/65 (PRC 3403).

Surety bond:

\$50,000 (PRC 3814) and \$50,000 (PRC 3403).

Rent:

\$5,540 (PRC 3184) and \$5,300 (PRC 3403) per annum.

Royalty:

For oil: Between 16 2/3 percent to 50 percent of  
monthly lease production.  
For non-oil products: 16 2/3 percent of monthly lease  
production.

BACKGROUND:

State oil and gas lease PRC 3184 was issued to Standard Oil  
Company of California on September 24, 1964. State oil and  
gas lease PRC 3403 was issued to Standard Oil Company of  
California on November 18, 1965. Both leases are located

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offshore Pitas Point, Ventura County. On January 1, 1977, Standard Oil Company of California changed its name to Chevron U.S.A., Inc. Chevron U.S.A. Inc., drilled three exploratory wells on State lease PRC 3184 and one well on State lease PRC 3403. All wells were plugged and abandoned pursuant to California Division of Oil and Gas regulations (Exhibit "D" attached). Based on a Chevron sponsored geohazard survey done in the area, no geohazard debris has been identified.

P.R.C. Section 6804.1 and Lease Paragraph 30 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 will be effective when 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.

On December 17, 1993, the Commission's Long Beach office staff received the document "Quitclaim Deed for State Oil and Gas Lease" for State oil and gas leases PRC 3184 and PRC 3403 from Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Both documents are dated December 13, 1993 and quitclaims back to the State all of Chevron's title and interest in the leased lands described in Exhibits "A" and "B".

A review of the Commission's files reveals that no default exists on the leases, that the lessee has complied with all applicable law and lease provisions and has paid all rentals (no royalty is due as the leased lands were not developed).

**APPLICANT STATUS:**

Applicant is lessee of upland.

**PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:**

No fees are required.

**STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:**

A. P.R.C. 6804.1 and Lease Paragraph 30.

B. Cal. Code Regs.: Title 3, Div. 3; Title 14, Div. 6.

AB 884:

N/A

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**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 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.

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Land Description (PRC 3184)
- B. Land Description (PRC 3403)
- C. Location Map
- D. Division of Oil and Gas Abandonment Certificates

**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. ACCEPT FROM CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. (LESSEE) THE FULL "QUITCLAIM DEED FOR STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE" FOR STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRC 3184 AND PRC 3403, VENTURA COUNTY, DATED DECEMBER 13, 1993 WHEREIN THE LESSEE QUITCLAIMS TO THE STATE ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THE LEASED LANDS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBITS "A" AND "B".
3. RELEASE CHEVRON U.S.A. INC., FROM ALL OBLIGATIONS UNDER STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRC 3184 AND PRC 3403, VENTURA COUNTY, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 17, 1993 THE FILING DATE OF THE QUITCLAIM DEEDS.
4. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF ANY DOCUMENT NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE COMMISSION'S ACTION.

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EXHIBIT "A"

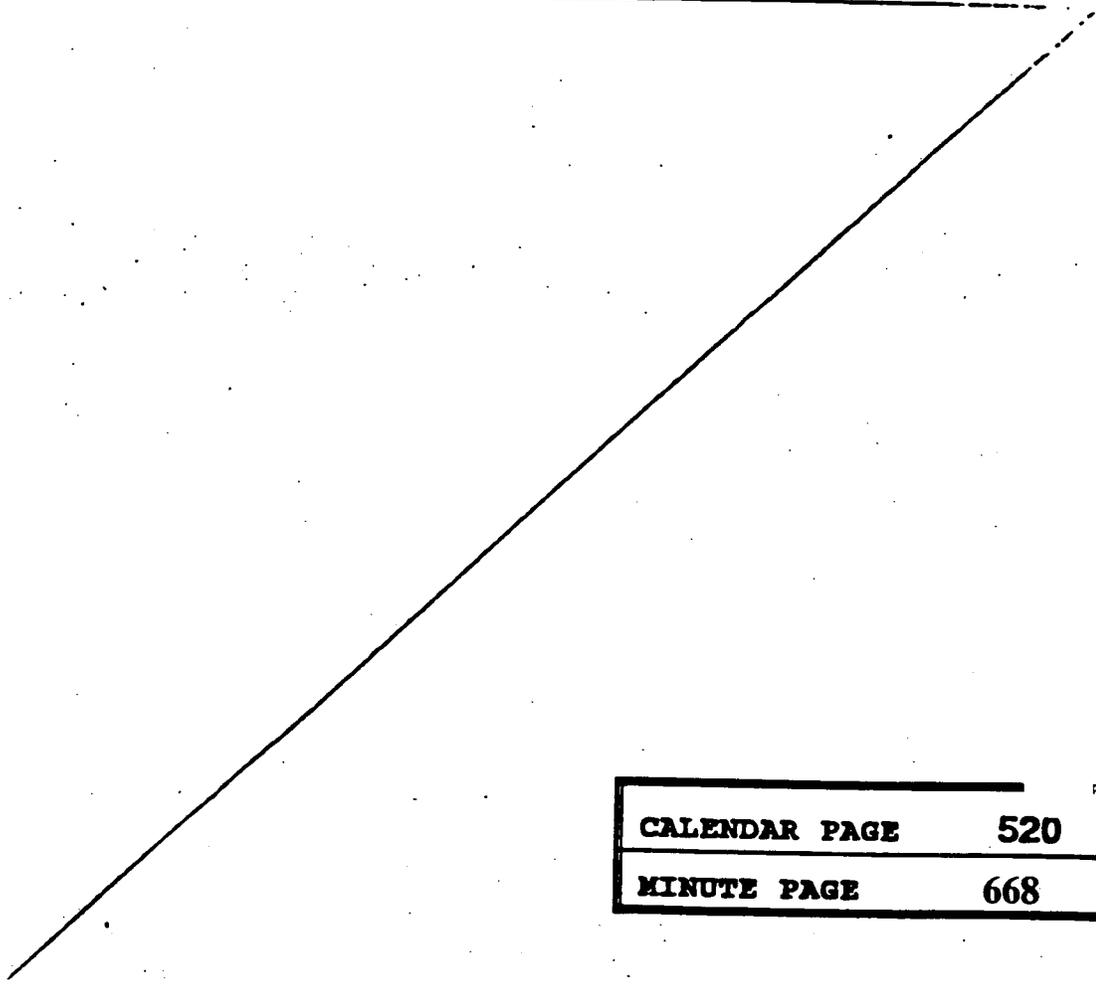
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A PARCEL OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LAND IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL SITUATE BETWEEN SEA CLIFF AND PITAS POINT, VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CALIFORNIA ZONE 5 GRID LINE HAVING AN "X" COORDINATE OF 1,580,605 WITH THE MEAN HIGH TIDE LINE; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING SOUTH ALONG THE AFOREMENTIONED GRID LINE TO A POINT IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL WHICH IS AT A DISTANCE OF 3 GEOGRAPHICAL MILES FROM THE NEAREST POINT ON THE MEAN HIGH TIDE LINE; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A LINE EVERY POINT OF WHICH IS AT A DISTANCE OF 3 GEOGRAPHICAL MILES FROM THE NEAREST POINT ON THE AFOREMENTIONED MEAN HIGH TIDE LINE TO AN INTERSECTION WITH A NORTH-SOUTH CALIFORNIA ZONE 5 GRID LINE HAVING AN "X" COORDINATE OF 1,570,000; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID GRID LINE TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE MEAN HIGH TIDE LINE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE MEAN HIGH TIDE LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 5,540 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

THE BEARINGS AND DISTANCES USED IN THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION ARE BASED ON THE CALIFORNIA COORDINATE SYSTEM ZONE 5.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM ANY PORTION OF STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES P.R.C. 145.1, P.R.C. 410.1, P.R.C. 427.1, LYING WITHIN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PARCEL.



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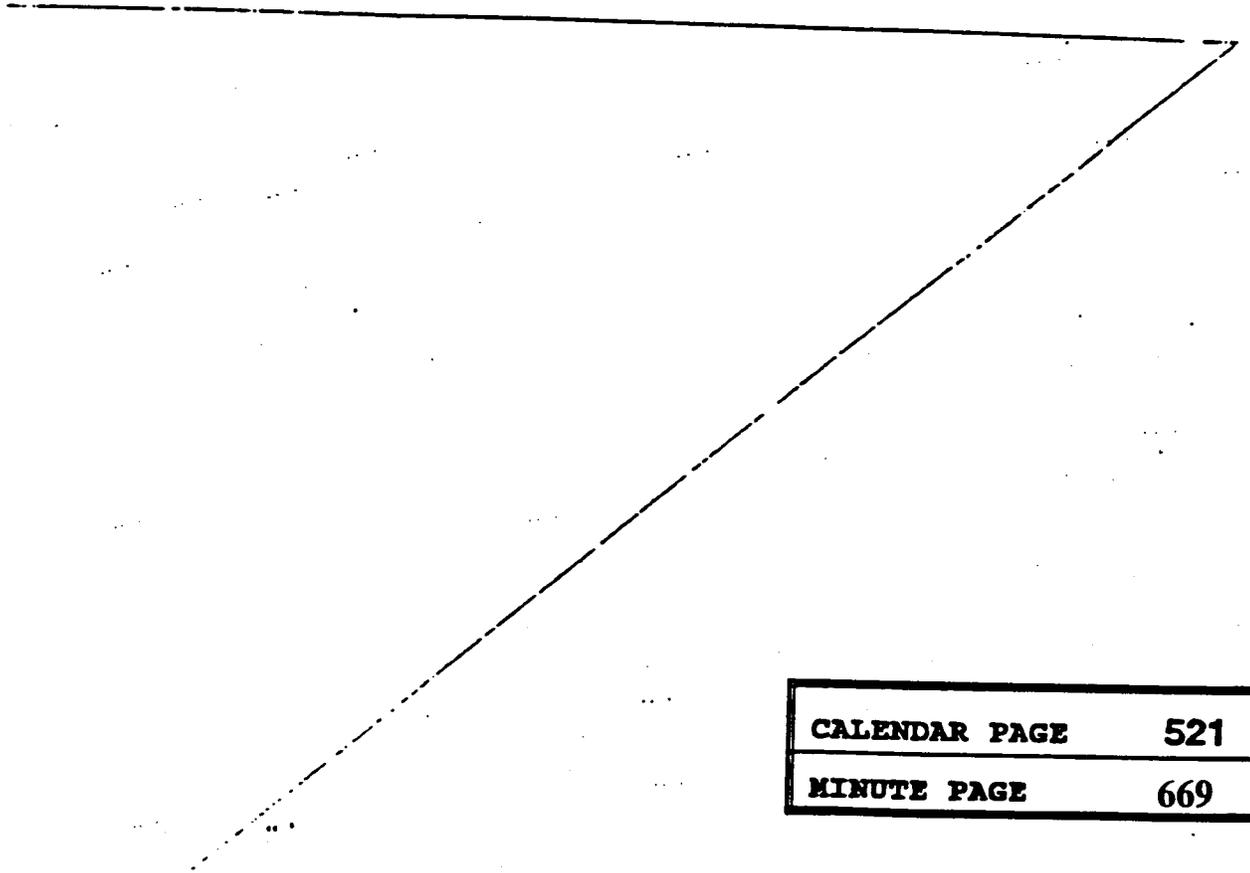
EXHIBIT "B"

A PARCEL OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LAND IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL SITUATE EASTERLY OF PITAS POINT, VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CALIFORNIA ZONE 5 GRID LINE HAVING AN "X" COORDINATE OF 1,590,000 WITH THE MEAN HIGH TIDE LINE OF THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING SOUTH ALONG THE AFOREMENTIONED GRID LINE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH A LINE, EVERY POINT OF WHICH IS AT A DISTANCE OF 3 GEOGRAPHICAL MILES FROM THE NEAREST POINT ON THE LINE OF ORDINARY LOW WATER (HEREINAFTER CALLED AN "ENVELOPE LINE"); THENCE NORTH-WESTERLY ALONG SAID ENVELOPE LINE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH A NORTH-SOUTH CALIFORNIA ZONE 5 GRID LINE HAVING AN "X" COORDINATE OF 1,580,605; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE GRID LINE TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE ABOVEMENTIONED MEAN HIGH TIDE LINE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE MEAN HIGH TIDE LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 5,300 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS DESCRIPTION THE TERMS "LINE OF ORDINARY LOW WATER" AND "GEOGRAPHICAL MILES" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS SAID TERMS HAVE AS USED IN THE SUBMERGED LANDS ACT OF 1953 (67 STAT. 29).

The lease shall be subject to a 50-foot intake pipeline easement adjacent to the shore issued to the Continental Oil Company under Public Resources Code Series 1448.1.



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EXHIBIT "C"

LOCATION MAP

PRC 3184  
PRC 3403

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VENTURA

SAN MIGUELITO  
FIELD

PADRE CANYON  
AREA

RAILROAD

PRC 3403  
PARCEL 20A  
CHEVRON U.S.A., INC.

590,000

PRC 3184  
PARCEL 22A  
CHEVRON U.S.A., INC.

PRC 427  
MOBIL, ROCKY MOUNTAIN INC.

PRC 410

PRC 430  
QUITCLAIMED  
6-1-64

PRC 429  
BUSH OIL CO.

SANTA GORDA

CAUSEWAY

PRC 1466  
BUSH OIL CO.

RINCON  
FIELD

RINCON FIELD

PRC 145

☆ BUSH OIL CO. AND  
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT  
OF CALIFORNIA, ET. AL.

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

EXHIBIT "D"

REPORT OF WELL ABANDONMENT

Santa Paula , California

December 27, 1984

J. P. Lester, Agent

Chevron U.S.A. Inc.

P.O. Box 6917

Ventura, CA 93006

Your report of abandonment of well "STATE 3403" 1  
(Name and number)  
A.P.I. No. 211-02194 , Section 22 , T. 3N , R. 24W , S.B. B. & M.  
Offshore field, Ventura County County,  
dated April 16, 1974 received April 16, 1974 has been  
examined in conjunction with records filed in this office, and we have determined that all of  
the requirements of this Division have been fulfilled.

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State Oil and Gas Supervisor

By Murray W. Doach  
County Supervisor

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS

REPORT OF WELL ABANDONMENT

Santa Paula California

Jan 4 1966

Mr. E H Frances  
3721 Carpinteria Ave  
Carpinteria Calif 93013  
Agent for Standard Oil Co of Calif

DEAR SIR:

Your report of abandonment of Well No. "Santa Paula" 1,  
Proj. Sec. 22, T. 2N, R. 24W, S. & M. B. & M. field,  
Ventura County, dated Dec. 1, 1965, has been  
received Dec. 9, 1965  
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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E. R. MURRAY-AARON  
State Oil and Gas Supervisor

By [Signature]  
Deputy Supervisor

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

REPORT OF WELL ABANDONMENT

Santa Paula California  
Jan 24 1967

Mr. E. E. France  
3751 CAMPBELL AVE  
EMERYVILLE CALIF  
Agent for Standard Oil Co of Calif

DEAR SIR:

Your report of abandonment of Well No. "State 3184" 2  
Sec. 32, T. 3N, R. 34W, S.B. B. & M., -- field,  
Ventura County, dated Nov. 23, 1965, received Jan. 6, 1967

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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Deputy Supervisor

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