MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C44 was approved as Minute Item No. 44 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 1-29-99 meeting.

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CONSIDER DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO AWARD ROYALTY OIL SALES CONTRACT, OIL AND GAS LEASE NOS. PRC 91, PRC 163, E-392, PRC 425 AND PRC 426, HUNTINGTON BEACH FIELD, ORANGE COUNTY

APPLICANT:

California State Lands Commission
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BACKGROUND:

On December 16, 1998 (Consent Item #C123), the California State Lands Commission authorized the sale of royalty crude oil from Oil and Gas Lease Nos. PRC 91, PRC 163, E-392, PRC 425, and PRC 426, Huntington Beach Field, Orange County. A Notice Inviting Bids for this sale will be published in the Orange County Register on January 22, 1999. Bids will be received and opened on February 8, 1999, at which time Commission staff will determine the highest qualified bidder. To continue to take crude oil from these leases in kind, the State must give notice to the lessee, Aera Energy, LLC by March 1, 1999. It is requested that authority be delegated to the Executive Officer to award the Royalty Oil Sales Contract to the highest responsible bidder.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 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 the CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

   Authority: Public Resources Code section 21065 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15378.

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:
N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDINGS:
FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESCOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATION, SECTION 15378.

AUTHORIZATION:
AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO AWARD THE ROYALTY OIL SALES CONTRACT, OIL AND GAS LEASE NOS. PRC 91, PRC 163, E-392, PRC 425, AND PRC 426, HUNTINGTON BEACH FIELD, ORANGE COUNTY TO THE HIGHEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER.