

**CALENDAR ITEM  
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WP 4849.1  
J. Smith

**CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF AN EXISTING OFFSHORE  
LOADING LINE AND ACCEPTANCE OF QUITCLAIM DEED, AS PART OF THE  
UNOCAL COJO DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT**

**LESSEE:**

UNOCAL Corporation  
276 Tank Farm Road  
San Luis Obispo, California 93401

**AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:**

Sovereign lands in the Pacific Ocean at Cojo Bay, Point Conception, Santa Barbara County.

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. Applicant has a right to use the uplands adjoining the lease premises.
  
2. At its meeting on December 20, 1973, pursuant to Minute Item 19, the Commission authorized the issuance of an Industrial Lease (PRC 4849.1) to Union Oil Company of California (UNOCAL) for their use of an existing offshore loading facility to transport oil in conjunction with their adjacent state oil and gas Lease No. PRC 2879.1. The facility had been constructed by Phillips Petroleum Company to remove oil associated with their now terminated oil and gas lease. Pursuant to Minute Item 12 of the Commission's February 28, 1985, meeting, Lease No. PRC 4849.1 was renewed for an additional ten-year period, effective January 1, 1984. In 1992, Commission staff was notified by UNOCAL that they wished to place the facility in caretaker status. The offshore mooring system was removed shortly thereafter. The lease expired on December 31, 1993, and is in holdover status. The offshore loading line, which was not removed, has previously been flushed with seawater to remove residual oil.

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UNOCAL has submitted an application to both the County of Santa Barbara and the Commission for decommissioning of the existing onshore processing facilities and for complete removal of the remaining offshore loading line. UNOCAL will remove the offshore loading line in accordance with Mitigated Negative Declaration 02-ND-02, which was adopted by the County of Santa Barbara on April 1, 2002, and Commission requirements.

3. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared and adopted for this project by the County of Santa Barbara. The Commission's staff has reviewed such document. Mitigation measures were incorporated into the body of the MND that was adopted by the County of Santa Barbara.
4. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

**FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Regional Water Quality Control Board; California Coastal Commission; California Department of Fish and Game; County of Santa Barbara; California State Lands Commission.

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Location and Site Map
- B. Notice of Determination

**PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:**

November 27, 2002

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

**CEQA FINDING:**

FIND THAT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND A MITIGATION MEASURES WERE PREPARED AND ADOPTED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.

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ADOPT THE MITIGATION MEASURES CONTAINED IN THE MND ON FILE IN THE SACRAMENTO OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION.

**SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:**

FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

AUTHORIZE REMOVAL OF EXISTING OFFSHORE LOADING LINE AND SUBSEQUENT ACCEPTANCE, FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE REMOVAL PROJECT, OF THE QUITCLAIM DEED FROM UNOCAL CORPORATION AS PART OF THE UNOCAL COJO DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT, FROM THE LAND SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.