

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C76 was approved as Minute Item No. 76 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 06/26/06 meeting.

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REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES, NEGOTIATE FAIR AND  
REASONABLE PRICE, AWARD AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR  
PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION AND MITIGATION  
MONITORING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT ON STATE TIDELANDS LEASES  
LOCATED OFFSHORE OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY NEAR THE CITY OF  
GOLETA

PARTY:

California State Lands Commission  
100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100 South  
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202

BACKGROUND:

Venoco, Inc. is a privately held, independent oil and gas company that has filed an application with the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) to provide for safety improvements and upgrades at the existing Ellwood Onshore Facility (EOF), eliminate all operations at the Ellwood Marine Terminal (PRC 3904) by the installation of a new onshore pipeline route system, and extend the oil and gas lease boundaries of PRC 3120.1 and 3242.1. The proposed project is located off the coast of Santa Barbara County near the city of Goleta and onshore where a proposed new pipeline would be installed from the EOF connecting to the existing All American Pipeline at Las Flores Canyon located approximately eight miles to the west.

PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

An environmental review of the application is required by the California Environmental Quality Act and the Commission will act as Lead Agency and prepare environmental documentation for this project. Staff proposes that an environmental consultant be selected to prepare the requisite documentation under the direction of Commission staff.

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Consultant selection shall be conducted consistent with procedures as specified in CSLC Regulations and in the State Contracting Manual on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications for the types of services to be performed and at a fair and reasonable price. All costs incurred by Commission staff and consultants shall be recovered from project applicants.

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines [Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15060(c)(3)], the staff has determined that this activity is not subject to the provisions of the CEQA because it 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, sections 15060 (c)(3) and 15378.

2. Approval of this item by the Commission does not constitute approval of the proposed lease; it only authorizes consultant contracts for environmental review.

**STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:**

- A. Public Resources Code Section 6106 (Delegation to execute written instruments)
- B. State Contracts Manual Section 11.00 (A & E method)
- C. Public Contract Code Section 6106
- D. Government Code Section 4526
- E. California Administrative Code Title 2 Article 13 Section 2980.0 - 2990.0

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:**

1. FIND THAT THESE ACTIVITIES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL CODE REGS. 15060(c)(3) BECAUSE THESE ACTIVITIES ARE NOT PROJECTS AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND 14 CAL CODE REGS. 15378.
2. FIND THAT THE SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS UNDER THIS PROCESS DOES NOT AFFECT SMALL BUSINESSES AS DEFINED IN GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11342, SUB. (H), BECAUSE THEY WILL BE ACCORDED EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS AND PERFORMANCE DATA.
3. FIND THAT THE SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS UNDER THIS PROCESS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF ARCHITECTURAL, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL,

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LAND SURVEYING OR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH PROCEDURES AND POLICIES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AS SPECIFIED IN GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 4526 AND TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS 2980 –2980.9.

4. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS, NEGOTIATE FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE, AWARD AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.
5. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PROJECT APPLICANT TO RECOVER COSTS INCURRED IN THE CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROJECT.