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CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION  
MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2009

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EL CABRILLO ROOM – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
1111 EAST CABRILLO BOULEVARD  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93103

**APPEARANCES**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

John Garamendi, Lt. Governor, Chair  
John Chiang, Controller, Chair (Deputy Controller Cindy Aronberg represented the Controller on the Consent Calendar, Consent Item 13 and Regular Item 42)  
Tom Sheehy, Chief Deputy Director for Policy, Department of Finance, represented Michael C. Genest, Director, Department of Finance

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Paul Thayer, Executive Officer  
Curtis Fossum, Chief Counsel

**REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Joseph Rusconi, Deputy Attorney General  
Alan Hager, Deputy Attorney General

***NOTE:*** A list of individuals making statements before the Commission and the entities they represent, along with the Executive Officer's Report, are included in a complete transcript of the proceedings, which is on file in the Sacramento offices of the Commission and posted on the Commission's website at [www.slc.ca.gov](http://www.slc.ca.gov). Also included on the website is the voting record of the meeting with the staff report for each agenda item linked to the respective consent or regular item number.

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE  
CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION  
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Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, Chair, called the meeting of the California State Lands Commission to order at 12:09 P.M. at the Hotel Mar Monte, El Cabrillo Room, Santa Barbara, California 93103. Also present were Commissioner Alternates Cindy Aronberg and Marcy Jo Mandel, who represented Commissioner John Chiang until his arrival at 1:27 P.M., and Commissioner Alternate Tom Sheehy.

The Minutes of the January 6, 2009 meeting were approved as presented by a vote of 3-0

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Consent items C1-C12 and C14-C35 were approved as presented by a vote of 3-0. Consent Item C13 was moved to the Regular Calendar. Calendar Items C36-C38 were informational only.

(The items below appear in the order that they were heard and voted on.)

**REGULAR CALENDAR:**

**ITEM 13:** The item was approved as presented by a 2-0 vote (Lt. Governor abstained).

**ITEM 42:** Following presentation of the staff report and public testimony regarding a proposed lease to Chevron for a marine terminal in Richmond, the Commission voted 3-0 on approving the CEQA findings and 3-0 on issuing the lease and accepting a quitclaim of the prior lease.

**ITEM 39:** The Commission heard testimony from staff, the applicant, proponents and opponents of a project involving an application to lease two 5,000+ acre parcels of submerged lands to Plains Exploration and Production, Inc. (PXP) for development of oil underlying 10,000+ acres in the Tranquillon Ridge formation off of Vandenberg Air Force Base in Santa Barbara County. A motion by Commissioner Sheehy to approve the leases as set forth in Exhibit G to Item 39 failed by a 1-2 vote. A motion by Commissioner Chiang to approve the staff recommendation for denial of the project was approved on a vote of 2-1.

**ITEM 40:** The item was removed from consideration.

**ITEM 41:** A staff presentation was made to the Commission requesting support of various proposed bills for the 2009 State legislative session concerning 1) abandoned vessels and trespasses on sovereign lands, 2) abandoned vessels (funding), 3) mining leases and quitclaims, 4) ballast water regulation, 5) ballast water reporting, 6) confirmatory land patents, and 7) public trust lands granted in trust to the Port of San

Diego. Proposals 1-6 were approved as presented by a vote of 3-0, Proposal 7 was approved by a vote of 2-0 (Commissioner Sheehy abstained).

The Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR ITEMS  
CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION MEETING**

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**GENERAL COMMENTS**

- Steve Mathieu, Cal-Span

**REGULAR ITEM 39 – TRANQUILLON RIDGE**

Curtis Fossum, Chief Counsel, Legal Division, State Lands Commission  
Greg Scott, Assistant Division Chief, MRMD, State Lands Commission

- Doug Anthony, Deputy Director, Santa Barbara County Energy Division
- Bruce Allen, Co-Founder, SOS California
- Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe and Chairman, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
- Ellen Aronson, Regional Manager, Pacific Outer Continental Shelf Region, Minerals Management Service
- John Bagdasarian, representing self
- Tom Becker, Sales Rep, Asset Equipment Sales
- Vera Bensen, President, Carpinteria Valley Association
- Mary Ellen Brooks, representing self
- Bill Brown, Sheriff, Santa Barbara County
- Andy Caldwell, Executive Director, Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business
- Salud Carbajal, 1<sup>st</sup> District Supervisor, County of Santa Barbara
- James Childress, Chair, Santa Barbara Group, Sierra Club
- Jerry Connor, Chairman, Arguello Group, Sierra Club
- Chris Corbett, President, Santa Barbara Deputy Sheriff Association
- Dave Davis, Executive Director, Community Environmental Council
- Frank Drouillard, representing self
- Hannah Eckberg, Vice President, Get Oil Out!
- Jack Eidt, Wild Heritage Planners
- Penny Elia, representing self
- Christine Fancher, representing self
- Doreen Farr, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor, County of Santa Barbara
- Jim Flores, CEO, Plains Exploration & Production Company
- Judy Fogel, representing self
- Daniel Foster, Diver, Divecon
- Carla Frisk, Santa Ynez Valley Alliance
- John Gauthier, representing self
- Debra Geiler, Southern California Director for the Trust for Public Lands
- Eilhu Gevirtz, representing self

## **REGULAR ITEM 39 – TRANQUILLON RIDGE - CONTINUED**

- Tom Gibbons, representing self
- Walter Hamilton, Executive Director, Service Employees International Union, SEIU, Local 620
- Patt Healy, Malibu Coalition for Slow Growth
- Rob Heckman, President, Santa Barbara County Firefighters Local 2046
- Jean Holmes, Offshore Oil & Gas Consultant, League of Women Voters
- Grant House, City Councilman, City of Santa Barbara
- Joyce Howerton, Citizens Planning Assoc. of Santa Barbara County
- Linda Krop, Chief Counsel, Environmental Defense Center
- David Landecker, Executive Director, Environmental Defense Center
- Tim Larson, representing self
- Sandy Lejeune, Chair, Surfrider Foundation, Santa Barbara Chapter
- Mike Lunsford, President, Gaviota Coast Conservancy
- Charolotte Masarik, representing self
- Andy Mills, Hollister Ranch
- Carol Nash, representing self
- Remy O'Neil, representing self
- Roy M. Perez, Chairman, California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- John Abraham Power, President, Get Oil Out!
- Aaron Read, Legislative Advocate, PORAC-CDF Firefighters
- Selma Rubin, Board Member, Santa Barbara County League of Conservation Voters
- Steve Rusch, Vice President, Environmental, Health, & Safety and Government Affairs, PXP
- Jonathan Saur, Representative from Congresswoman Lois Capps
- Trevor Smith, Chair, los Padres Chapter of Sierra Club
- Mike Stubblefield, Outgoing Chair, Los Padres Chapter, Sierra Club
- Scott Thomas, representing self
- Brian Trautwein, representing self
- Steve Uhring, Malibu Coast Land Conservancy
- Olicia Uribe, Associate Director, Santa Barbara County Action Network
- Larry Wan, representing self
- Sara Wan, representing self
- Janet Wolf, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor, County of Santa Barbara

## **REGULAR ITEM 42 – CHEVRON LEASE**

Nanci Smith, Land Management Division, State Lands Commission

- Bruce Beyaert, Trails for Richmond Action Committee
- Walt Gill, Government Affairs Manager, Chevron Richmond Refinery
- Bill Lindsay, City Manager, City of Richmond
- Bill Pinkham, Board of Directors, East Bay Bicycle Coalition

**REGULAR ITEM 42 – CHEVRON LEASE - CONTINUED**

- Robert Raburn, Executive Director, East Bay Bicycle Coalition
- Tony Sustak, Richmond Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Sandra Threlfall, Executive Board of the Public Trust Lands

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No speakers

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CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION  
CONFIRMATION OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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The items listed on page(s) \_\_\_\_\_ were approved, disapproved, deferred and/or modified as indicated.

Being that there was no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

PAUL D. THAYER  
Executive Officer

Minutes confirmed at the

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