

MINUTE ITEM

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10. CORE DRILLING PERMIT, TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS OFFSHORE  
PORT HUENEME, VENTURA COUNTY; WESTERN LNG TERMINAL COMPANY -  
W 9791, PRC 4997.

After consideration of Calendar Item 8 attached, and upon motion  
duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINES THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAS NOT BEEN  
PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH REPORT IS NOT REQUIRED  
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2910.
2. AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE TO WESTERN LNG TERMINAL COMPANY OF A  
CORE DRILLING PERMIT FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 1975, THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 1975; IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BENEFIT;  
TO OBTAIN CORES TO BE USED FOR CLASSIFICATION OF SUBSURFACE  
SOILS AND FOR LABORATORY TESTING TO EVALUATE ENGINEERING  
PROPERTIES; ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDIC-  
TION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION, SAID LANDS BEING DESCRIBED  
ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

Attachment:  
Calendar Item 8 (3 pages)

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CORE DRILLING PERMIT

APPLICANT: Western LNG Terminal Company.

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

386 acres, more or less, of tide and submerged lands offshore Port Huememe, Ventura County.

METHOD OF EXPLORATION:

Offshore core drilling.

PURPOSE:

To obtain cores to be used for classification of subsurface soils and for laboratory testing to evaluate engineering properties.

TERM:

March 1, 1975, through December 31, 1975.

FILING FEES:

Submitted by applicant.

CONSIDERATION:

The public benefit.

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

On October 25, 1973, the State Lands Commission approved a similar core hole program for Pacific Lighting Service Company (Pacific Lighting Service Company and Western LNG Terminal Company are subsidiaries of Pacific Lighting Corporation). The purpose of that study was to gather engineering data for the construction of a pier for off-loading vessels carrying liquified natural gas. As a result of an enlargement of the proposed facilities, an alternate site has been selected and further subsurface soils studies are required. The subject area contains no known oil seeps. Bulletin No. 63-1 of the Department of Water Resources entitled "Sea Water Intrusion, Oxnard Plain of Ventura County", 1965, indicates that no fresh water aquifers will be encountered at depths for which the core holes are proposed. Geophysical surveys in the area show no evidence of faulting, and seismic epicenter records indicate that this is an area of low seismic activity.

It is proposed to drill approximately 9 core holes (2½ inch diameter, 75-100 feet deep) from a floating barge within the proposed permit area. Upon completion of drilling, each core hole will be properly abandoned. All operations will comply with the rules and regulations of the Commission.

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All factual and physical exploration records resulting from the operations under this permit will be furnished to the State Lands Division.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Section 6371 of the Public Resources Code, as recently amended (Chapter 688, Statutes of 1973), now provides that the Commission shall not lease any lands under its jurisdiction until the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, have been fulfilled. Article 8 of the guidelines prepared for implementation of CEQA provides that information collection activities that are part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved are categorically exempt from the preparation of an environmental impact report. The proposed core drilling permit is for the express purpose of collecting data for a future environmental report covering the construction of a pier for offloading vessels carrying liquified natural gas.

EXHIBITS:

A. Land Description.

B. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH REPORT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2910.
2. AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE TO WESTERN LNG TERMINAL COMPANY OF A CORE DRILLING PERMIT FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 1975, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1975; IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BENEFIT; TO OBTAIN CORES TO BE USED FOR CLASSIFICATION OF SUBSURFACE SOILS AND FOR LABORATORY TESTING TO EVALUATE ENGINEERING PROPERTIES; ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION, SAID LANDS BEING DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

Attachment: Exhibit "A"

EXHIBIT "A"

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A parcel of tide and submerged land in the Santa Barbara Channel, Ventura County, located about 7,000 feet southeasterly of Fourth Street in the City of Port Hueneme, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the mean high tide line of Santa Barbara Channel which bears South 5,756 feet, more or less, from U.S.C.&G.S. Bench Mark No. 13, as reset in 1971, located at the intersection of Saviers Road and Hueneme Road in the City of Port Hueneme, thence from said point of beginning:

1. South 47° East, 1,500 feet;
2. South 43° West, 6,000 feet;
3. North 47° West, 3,000 feet;
4. North 43° East, 6,000 feet;
5. South 47° East, 1,500 feet to the point of beginning, containing 386 acres, more or less.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portion of the above-described land which might be above the ordinary high water mark.

END OF DESCRIPTION