

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 15  
was approved as Minute Item  
No. 15 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3  
to 0 at its 2/23/78  
meeting.

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15. SHELL ECTA DEVELOPMENT EIR; W 21706 , W 40086.

During consideration of Calendar Item 15 attached, Chairman Kenneth Cory asked the Executive Officer to obtain from Shell a letter indicating their sole interest in their part of the subject project.

Upon motion duly made by Commission-alternate Betty Jo Smith and seconded by Commission-alternate Sid McCausland, the resolution as presented in Calendar Item 15 was passed 3-0 by the following vote:

Chairman Cory . . . . .Aye  
Ms. Smith . . . . .Aye  
Mr. McCausland . . . . .Aye

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CALENDAR ITEM

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SHELL BETA DEVELOPMENT EIR

The Shell Oil Company proposes to develop 5 parcels in the Federal Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) which were acquired in Lease Sale 35. The parcels are located approximately 9 miles offshore in San Pedro Bay near the communities of Seal Beach and Huntington Beach, Los Angeles County. At present, the development would include two production platforms, one processing platform, pipelines between such platforms and an oil transport pipeline to upland facilities (surge tank, refineries, etc.). The production transportation pipeline route would cross Federal OCS lands and enter State waters about three miles south of the Belmont Horn, pass around the east end of Long Beach breakwater, cross the Long Beach outer harbor to a point near the south side of Island Chaffee, follow the southern edge of the THUMS undersea pipeline corridor, come ashore near the Queen Mary and thence pass overland to a point near the THUMS manifold at Broadway and Mitchell Streets in the Port of Long Beach.

As with any major project of this nature, questions arose as to the appropriate "lead agency" for the purpose of preparing an EIR under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. The pipeline from the offshore facilities to the upland crosses State lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission and State lands granted to the City of Long Beach and administered by the Port of Long Beach. The staffs of the Commission and the Port each expressed the desire to be the "lead agency" for the project. In an effort to avert a lead agency dispute, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research recommended that the Commission and the Port function as a "co-lead agency" in the preparation of the EIR.

A similar arrangement was made with regard to the SOHIO Project (California Public Utilities Commission and the Port) and this effort was governed by a formalized agreement signed by representatives of each entity. A similar agreement should also govern the preparation of the EIR for the Shell Oil development.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PORT OF LONG BEACH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY; WHICH TO ESTABLISH THAT BOTH AGENCIES WILL JOINTLY PREPARE THE EIR FOR THE SHELL BETA DEVELOPMENT.