

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 14  
was approved as Minute Item  
No. 14 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3  
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meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

14.  
SHELL BETA DEVELOPMENT EIR

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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 2 production platforms, 1 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 3 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.

The State Lands Commission and the Port of Long Beach are currently functioning as a "co-lead agency" in the preparation of the required environmental impact report (EIR). The co-lead agencies have also attempted to coordinate their efforts with the Federal government to avoid unnecessary duplication of environmental studies. To this end, it has been determined that the co-lead agencies, in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.), will prepare a document which will comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended and the provisions of the National Environmental Policy (NEPA) as they pertain to an environmental assessment (EA). Thus, the document to be prepared will be an EIR/EA.

To formalize this arrangement, a memorandum of understanding (MOU), has been prepared in cooperation with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). Parties to the MOU will be the State Lands Commission, the Port of Long Beach, OPR, and U.S.G.S. The EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may also enter this or similar MOU's with the co-lead agencies and OPR.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO:

1. NEGOTIATE AND SIGN THE MOU'S NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE EXECUTION OF AN EIR/EA FOR THE SHELL BETA DEVELOPMENT.