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This Calendar Item No. 36

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No. 36 by the State Lands

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RESUMPTION OF DRILLING OPERATIONS STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE, PRC 2879.1

Union Oil Company of California has made application to the State Lands Commission for permission to resume drilling operations under State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 2879.1, Santa Barbara County.

The purpose of the proposed project is to drill up to 4 exploratory wells to evaluate the hydrocarbon potential of several geologic formations in the southerly (seaward) portion of the lease. Inasmuch as the proposed exploratory well drilling will involve offshore operations from a floating or mobil drilling vessel and there is a substantial body of opinion that considers such operations as having an adverse effect upon the environment, it will be necessary to prepare an EIR for project.

The State Lands Commission will serve as the lead agency in the preparation of the EIR. It is proposed to solicit proposals from private consulting organizations for preparation of the environmental document. The Request for Proposals (RFP) will specifically advise the consultants that existing environmental data be utilized and referenced.

The applicant will be required to pay all costs for the preparation of the EIR.

EXHIBIT:

A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

- 1. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS COVERING PREPARATION OF AN EIR FOR THE RESUMPTION OF DRILLING OPERATIONS UNDER STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2879.1, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY.
- 2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PREPARATION OF THE EIR TO THE BEST QUALIFIED BIDDER.

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