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was presented at the meeting of the
No. 27 of the Santa Barbara Channel
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27. SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL AD HOC STUDY GROUP ON OIL AND
TAR SEEPS - W 9016

During consideration of Calendar Item 27, attached,
Chairman Kenneth Cory instructed the staff to submit to
the Commission the names of all nominees for the Ad Hoc
Study Group before it is formed.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the resolution as
presented in Calendar Item 27 was approved by a vote of 3-0.

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SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL
AD HOC STUDY GROUP ON OIL AND TAR SEEPS

Upon approving the resumption of drilling on State tide and submerged lands at its December 11, 1973 meeting, the Commission also requested that its staff study both natural and man-caused sources of oil pollution. An important aspect of this report was to be the identification of the origins of oil and tar seeps.

In 1975, the legislature provided support to this study by enacting P.R.C. Section 6226 which formally requested that such a study be performed and specifically authorized the State Lands Commission to conduct the study.

An initial report was presented to the Commission and the legislature in January 1978. Over 2,000 seeps were detected, identified, located and mapped.

On September 5, 1978, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors voted to request the State Lands Commission to renew its study in light of what it felt was accelerated seepages possibly aggravated by the August 13, 1978 earthquake whose epicenter was located in the Santa Barbara Channel.

Due to the great importance seepages play on the environmental and economic well-being of Santa Barbara and the State, and due to the concern industry has for the viability of its continued operations in the Channel, there is need for these interests to work together to:

- 1) evaluate the effects, if any, of the August 13th earthquake on crude oil and tar seeps; and
- 2) explore the possibility of remedial actions that are technically and economically feasible which can be recommended to the Commission for implementation.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CONVENE AN AD HOC STUDY GROUP OF COUNTY, STATE AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES TO EXAMINE THE HYDROCARBON SEEPAGE SITUATION IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL SUBSEQUENT TO AUGUST 13TH; AND, THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF SUCH AD HOC STUDY GROUP BE REQUESTED TO REVIEW AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION OF ANY POSSIBLE REMEDIAL ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT ASSIST IN ALLEVIATING SEEPAGE POLLUTION.