

MINUTE ITEM

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No. 35 by the State Lands
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AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR PREPARATION OF AN EIR FOR
PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF DRILLING ON STATE OIL AND GAS
LEASE PRC 3314.1 PIERPONT AREA, VENTURA COUNTY

Staff of the State Lands Commission has received an application from Shell Oil Company to resume exploratory activities on an existing State Oil and Gas Lease, PRC 3314.1 located in the Pierpont area, Ventura County. Shell proposes to drill a maximum of two exploratory wells each of which may, dependent on initial findings, be followed by three additional delineation wells.

State Lands Commission is the lead agency for this project under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. In this regard, the staff proposes:

- (1) to issue a Request for Proposals for preparation of an environmental impact report;
- (2) to determine the best qualified consultant to prepare such a report, and execute a contract for such services, and
- (3) to provide for the reimbursement to the State of staff and consultant costs associated with this environmental analysis.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PREPARATION OF AN EIR FOR THE PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF DRILLING ON STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 3314.1 AND TO SELECT A CONSULTANT TO PREPARE THE REQUISITE EIR.
2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE SELECTED CONSULTANT.
3. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CONSUMMATE, WITH SHELL OIL COMPANY, A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR ALL STAFF AND CONSULTANT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE EIR.

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