

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 21
was approved as Minute Item
No. 21 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 12/16/82
meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

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12/16/82
PRC 2920
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PROPOSED WELL ABANDONMENTS
STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2920
MOLINO OFFSHORE AREA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

OPERATOR: Shell Oil Company
196 South Fir Street
Ventura, California 93001
Attention: K. J. Hellmer

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:
Offshore tide and submerged lands, covering
4,250 acres, Molino Offshore Field, Santa
Barbara County.

PROPOSED ACTION:

Shell proposes to abandon four uneconomic
wells (Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4) presently shut
in on lease PRC 2920. The wells were drilled
and completed on the ocean floor in 1962
and 1963.

The wells, located in water depths of approxi-
mately 250 feet, will be re-entered using
a bottom support self elevating (jack-up)
drilling platform. The abandonment procedures
will be in accordance with the rules and
regulations of the State Lands Commission
and the Division of Oil and Gas. After
all cement plugs are in place, the wellhead
and control valves will be recovered, leaving
the ocean floor clean and unobstructed.

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PERTINENT INFORMATION:

On December 16, 1980, the Commission authorized the resumption of exploratory drilling operations on this lease. Shell is in the process of receiving the other required permits for those exploratory operations.

This project, the abandonment, of four wells located on lease PRC 2920, is exempt from CEQA because it is within the purview of 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2905, Class 1, which exempts abandonment work on oil and gas wells.

This activity is situated on lands identified as possessing significant environmental values, pursuant to P.R.C. 6370.1, and is classified in a use category "B" which authorizes limited use. This activity will not have a significant effect on identified environmental values.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH DOCUMENT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER PROVISIONS P.R.C. 21084, 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15100 ET. SEQ., AND 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2905, AND FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH ITS USE CLASSIFICATION.
2. AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF THE ABANDONMENT OF FOUR WELLS (NOS. 1, 2, 3 AND 4) LOCATED ON STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2920, MOLINO OFFSHORE FIELD, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. ANY ABANDONMENT SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN ONLY WITH APPROPRIATE PERMITS FROM OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES.

EXHIBIT "A"
 STATE LANDS COMMISSION
 PROPOSED WELL ABANDONMENTS

PRC 2920.1
 SHELL OIL COMPANY (Operator)
 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
 December 1982 CFE

