

MINUTE ITEM

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10/26/83  
PRC 2879  
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DEFERMENT OF DRILLING REQUIREMENTS,  
STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2879

LESSEE/OPERATOR:

Union Oil Company of California  
P.O. Box 6176  
Ventura, California 93003

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 2879 was issued on April 26, 1962, and contains approximately 5,653 acres of tidelands lying south and offshore Point Conception in Santa Barbara County. It is the westernmost offshore State oil and gas lease in the Santa Barbara Channel and adjacent to the Point Conception State lease sale.

SUMMARY:

On November 23, 1982, the State Lands Commission granted Union a deferment of the drilling requirements of State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 2879 until June 1, 1983. Commencing on March 23, 1983, Union drilled 18-6 and 18-6 No. 1 redrill. Both of these exploratory wells were tested extensively and the redrill was finally abandoned on June 17, 1983. The information obtained from these wells is currently being evaluated for the purpose of formulating future development plans for the subject lease.

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In order to provide sufficient time to analyze all available data and prepare an environmentally sound plan of development, Union has requested a deferment of the drilling obligation commencing on October 17, 1983 (120 days from completion of preceding well). Staff recommends granting a deferment of six months dating from October 17, 1983.

AB 884: N/A.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. This activity is exempt from CEQA because it does not constitute a project pursuant to P.R.C. 21065, 14. Cal. Adm. Code 15378.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

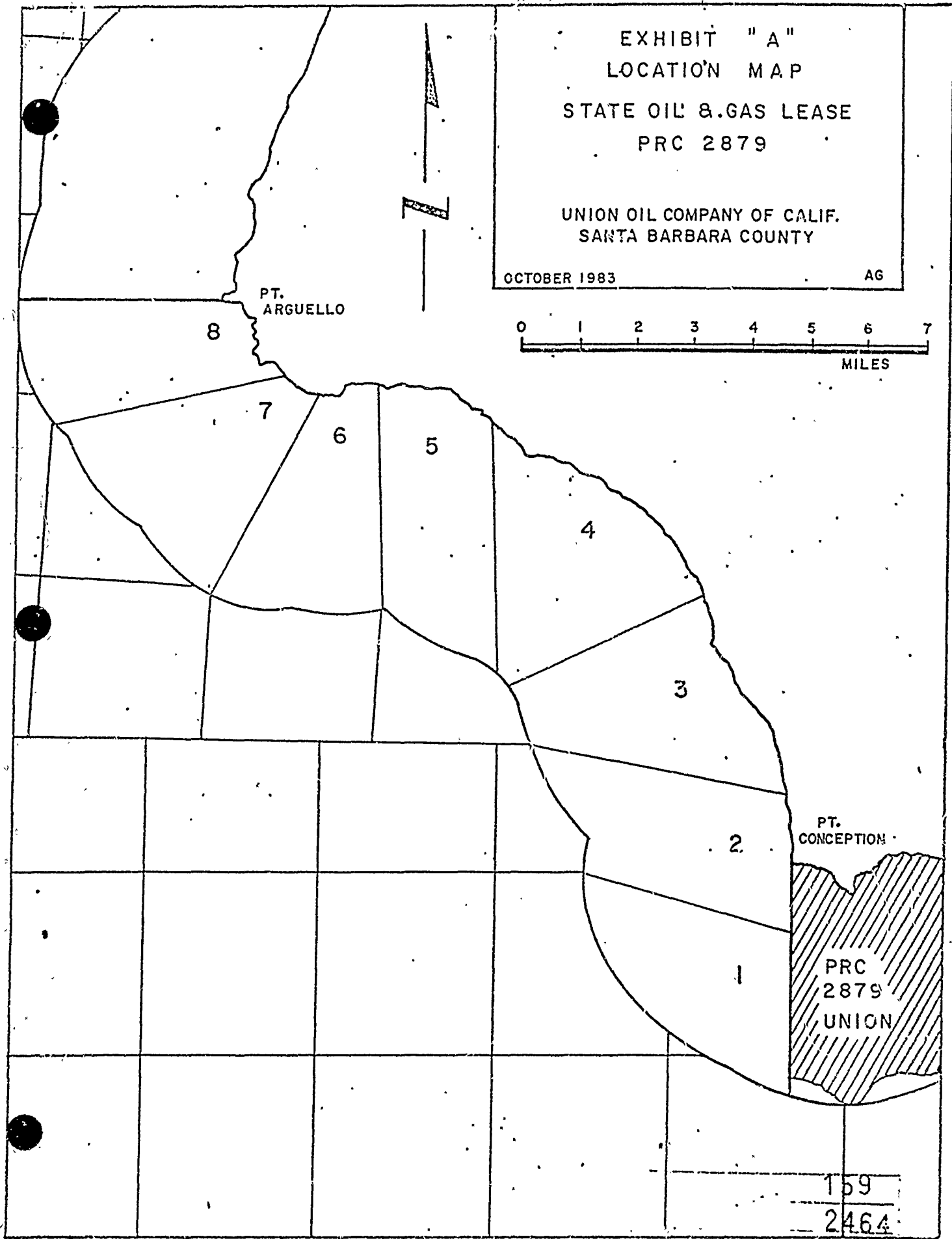
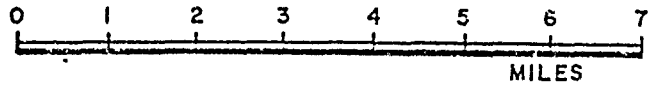
1. FIND THAT CEQA IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS ACTION AS IT IS NOT A "PROJECT WHICH MAY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT", AS DEFINED IN THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND ITS IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES.
2. APPROVE A DEFERMENT OF THE DRILLING OBLIGATION ON STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 2879.1, FROM OCTOBER 17, 1983 UNTIL APRIL 16, 1984; ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

EXHIBIT "A"  
LOCATION MAP  
STATE OIL & GAS LEASE  
PRC 2879

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIF.  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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