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REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR PRELEASING STUDIES - PARCEL 1, POINT CONCEPTION LEASE SALE

Staff proposes to hire a private consultant(s) to prepare preleasing studies on Parcel One in the Commission's proposed Point Conception lease sale.

Union Oil of California has proposed a major development on current State Lease PRC 2879. Information from exploratory drilling on that parcel and geoseismic evaluation on Tract 1 indicated a common structure crossing between PRC 2879 and into the unleased State parcel. Without concurrent development, drainage will occur resulting in less than optimum development of the reservoir and ultimately a loss in revenue. Union is about one year from starting platform development.

By preparing these preleasing studies now, the development of Parcel One can at least be kept on a close timetable with development of PRC 2879 and would protect the State's economic interest.

In fiscal year 1985-86, \$824,000 has been budgeted to prepare an air-monitoring study (required by Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District), a Biological Survey (a full year (4) season) and an environmental impact report. A geological hazards and cultural resources survey will also be run.

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N/A.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY AGREEMENT(S) FOR THE REQUIRED STUDIES FOR A NOT TO EXCEED COST OF \$824,000. THIS AUTHORIZATION SHALL ONLY APPLY IF FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED IN THE BUDGET ACT OF 1985.

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