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APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO REPLACE TWO WATER PIPELINES TO PLATFORM EMMY, STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 425

LESSEE:

Shell Western E&P Inc. Attn.: D. L. Oreolt

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Bakersfield, California 93389

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 425, issued on February 10, 1950, contains approximately 835 acres of tide and submerged lands west of Huntington Beach, Orange County. Oil drilling and production platform Emmy stands in 47 feet of water approximately 7000 feet from shore and was completed in 1963. The two waterlines to be replaced, an 8-inch diameter line and a 6-inch diameter line, were installed in 1963 and 1967, respectively.

BACKGROUND:

Shell Western E&P., Inc. (SWEPI), lessee of State Oil and Gas PRC 425.1, has requested permission to replace two deteriorated and inoperative saltwater pipelines running from its onshore facilities to Platform Emmy. The replacement line is proposed as a single pipeline carrying filtered saltwater serving the following operational requirements:

- Water for waterflood injection for maintaining current oil productive capacity;
- An adequate and reliable source of water for the platform fire suppression system which will back up the limited volume of on-platform fresh water and the sea water diesel pumped system;

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The original 8-inch water injection line was installed during platform construction in 1963. This line deteriorated due to internal corrosion and has not been functional since 1983. Injection water was rerouted through an available 6-inch waste water line laid in 1967. This 6-inch line has also failed and is currently inoperative. Because the line had to be operated at low pressure to prevent total failure and had to be shut down periodically to patch leaks as they developed, the three functions of the line were severely restricted since May 1987, and since December 1987 have been entirely curtailed.

PROPOSED PROJECT:

Shell has proposed replacement of the two deteriorated pipelines with a new 12-inch diameter line to be laid in the existing pipeline corridor. The single 12-inch pipeline will carry an adequate volume of water at a lower line pressure, to fulfill the waterflood and hazard control requirements at optimum pump power consumption.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15025), the staff has prepared a Negative Declaration EIR ND 440, State Clearinghouse 88042709. Such Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review pursuant to the provision of the CEQA. A copy of this environmental document is attached as Fxhibit "C".

Based upon the initial study, the Negative Declaration, and the comments received in response thereto, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15074(b)).

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2. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370 et. seq. Based upon the staff's consultation CEQA through the review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with the use classification.

APPROVALS REQUIRED:

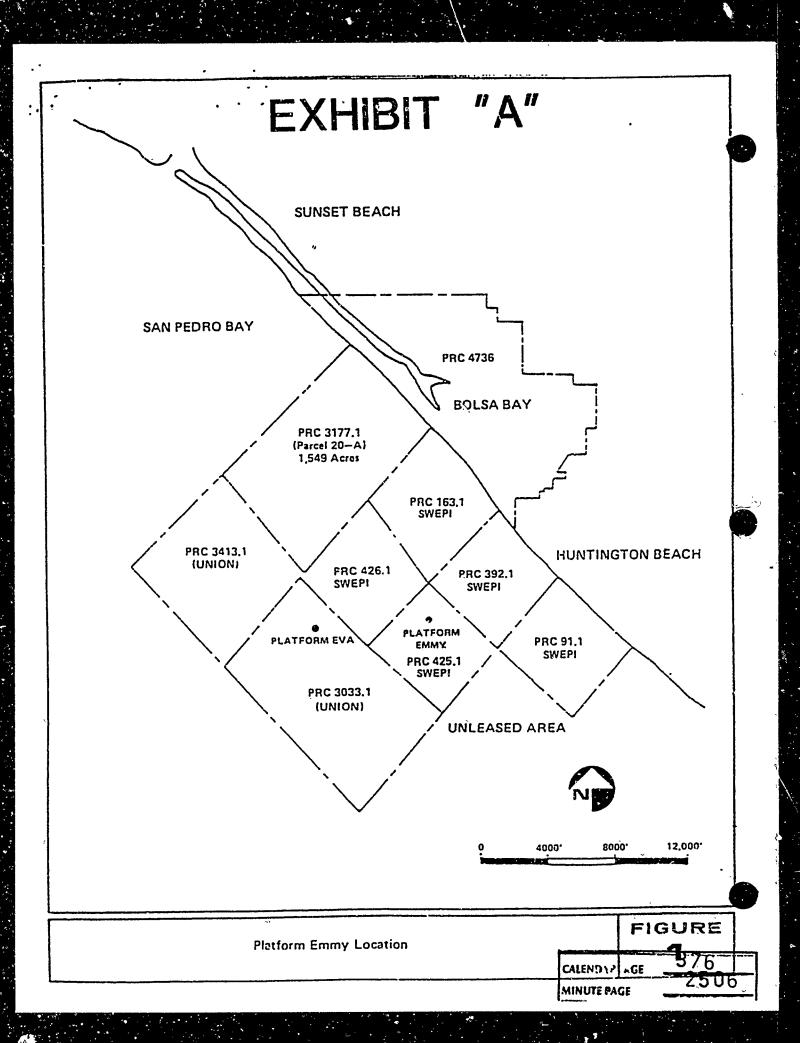
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EXHIBITS:

- A. Lease and Platform Location Map.
- B. Pipeline Corridor Map.
- C. Negative Declaration.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

- 1. CERTIFY THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION EIR NO 440, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #88042709, WAS PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CEQA AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
- DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT, AS PROPOSED, WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
- 3. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO P.R.C. 6383 ET SEQ.
- 4. APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A NOMINAL 12-INCH DIAMETER PIPELINE FROM SHELL WESTERN E&P INC. ONSHORE FACILITY TO PLATFORM EMMY.



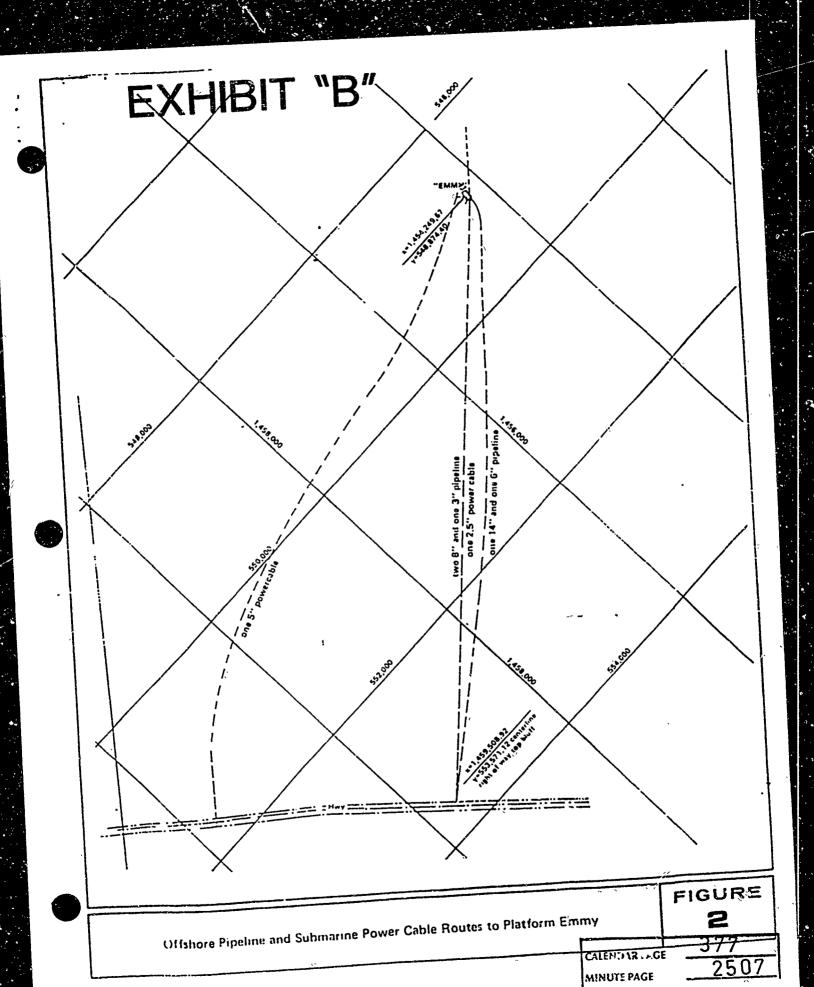


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STATE OF CALIFORNIA-STATE LANDS COMMISSION

STATE LANDS COMMISSION 1807 13TH STREET SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814

PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION



EIR ND 440

File Ref.: PRC 425.1

SCH#: 88042709

Replacement of offshore salt-water pipelines Project Title:

Project Proponent: Shell Western Exploration and Production, Inc. (SWEPI)

Offshore the City of Huntington Beach, Orange County Project Location:

California

The replacement of existing salt-water supply lines to Platform Emmy with a new 12 inch pipeline. The pipeline will be constructed on the upland at SWEPI's onshore facilities and pulled by barge beneath the Pacific Coast Highway to Platform Emmy. The salt-water will be used to continue the existing uses of a secondary recovery waterflood, auxillary fire protection, and for well bore pressure control.

Contact Person:

Randall Moory

Telephone: 916/322-7828

This document is prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000 et seq., Public Resources Code), the State CEQA Guidelines (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Administrative Code), and the State Lands Commission regulations (Section 2901 et seq., Title 2, California Administrative Code).

Based upon the attached Initial Study, it has been found that:

the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

/X/ mitigation measures included in the project will avoid potentially significant effects.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST - PART II

File Ref.: PRC 425.1 Form 13.20 (7/82) **BACKGROUND INFORMATION** A. Applicant: Shell Western Exploration and Production, Inc. P.O. Box 11164 Bakersfield, CA B. Checklist Date: 04 /08 /88 C. Contact Person: Randall Moory Telephone: (916) 322-7828 Replacement of existing unusable salt-water_supply_lines_to.___ D. Purpose: the plaform oil and gas Lease PRC 425.1 offshore Huntington Beach, Orange County, California E. Location: See attached. F. Description: TO SECURE AND A SECURE AND A SECURE OF THE S G. Persons Contauted: Suzanne Rogalin, California Coastal Commission Brian Baird, California Coastal Commission 11. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. (Explain all "yes" and "maybe" answers) Yes Maybe No A. Earth. Will the proposal result in: 2. Disruptions, displacements, compaction, or overcovering of the soil?..... 5. Any increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site?..... 6. Changes an deposition or erosion of beach sands, or changes in siltation, deposition or erosion which may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed of the ocean or any bay, inlet, or lake? . 7. Exposure of all people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, missikes, would be a considered to the control of MINUTEPAGE

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Shell Western Exploration and Production, Inc. (SWEPI) proposes to replace two existing salt water pipelines with a new 12 inch salt water pipeline. The new line will lie in the same corridor as the existing pipelines which traverses the sea bottom between SWEPI's onshore facilities at Huntington Beach and Platform Emmy. The location of the pipeline corridor is shown on the attached map.

SWEPI proposes to replace the existing 20 year old lines which are deteriorating and inoperative. The replacement line will continue to supply platform Emmy with filtered salt water which is presently used for:

- 1. Waterflood injection for maintaining current oil production capacity;
- 2. A source of water for the platform fire suppression system which serves as a backup for the on-platform fresh water supply; and
- 3. A source of water to be used during well workover and new well drilling. The water is used for controlling well kicks and killing the well flow.

While the new pipeline will have about 45 percent greater capacity than the original lines, the salt water will not be used for any purpose other than those listed above for existing platform operators.

SWEPI proposes to construct the pipeline on shore and to pull it to the platform using a pull barge anchored offshore. The pipeline will be put together on the bluff overlooking the beach and then pulled through a new 24 inch diameter casing which will be installed beneath the Pacific Coast Highway and through the bluff down to the beach. The pipeline will be weighted with a concrete coating and buried to a minimum of 5 feet in the beach area and the surfzone. The pull barge will either be tied to the platform when pulling the pipe or anchored to the outside of the intermittent rocky outcrops which lie in the pipeline corridor.

The expected time for completing the project is about 2 weeks. The activity of the pull barge will be limited to about 7 days, during which time it will operate 24 hours a day. Welding of the pipeline will require six diesel-powered welding machines which are expected to operate an average of 67 hours each over the 2 week period. A construction schedule for all activities is shown on the attached Figure.

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Once the pipeline is installed, SWEPI will pressure test the line. About 595 barrels (25,000 gal.) of water purchased from the City of Huntington Beach will be used to hydrotest the pipeline and the systems on the platform which are connected to the platform. Water from the test will then be returned to the water treatment facility on SWEPI's onshore area for treatment before disposal offshore through an existing outfall.

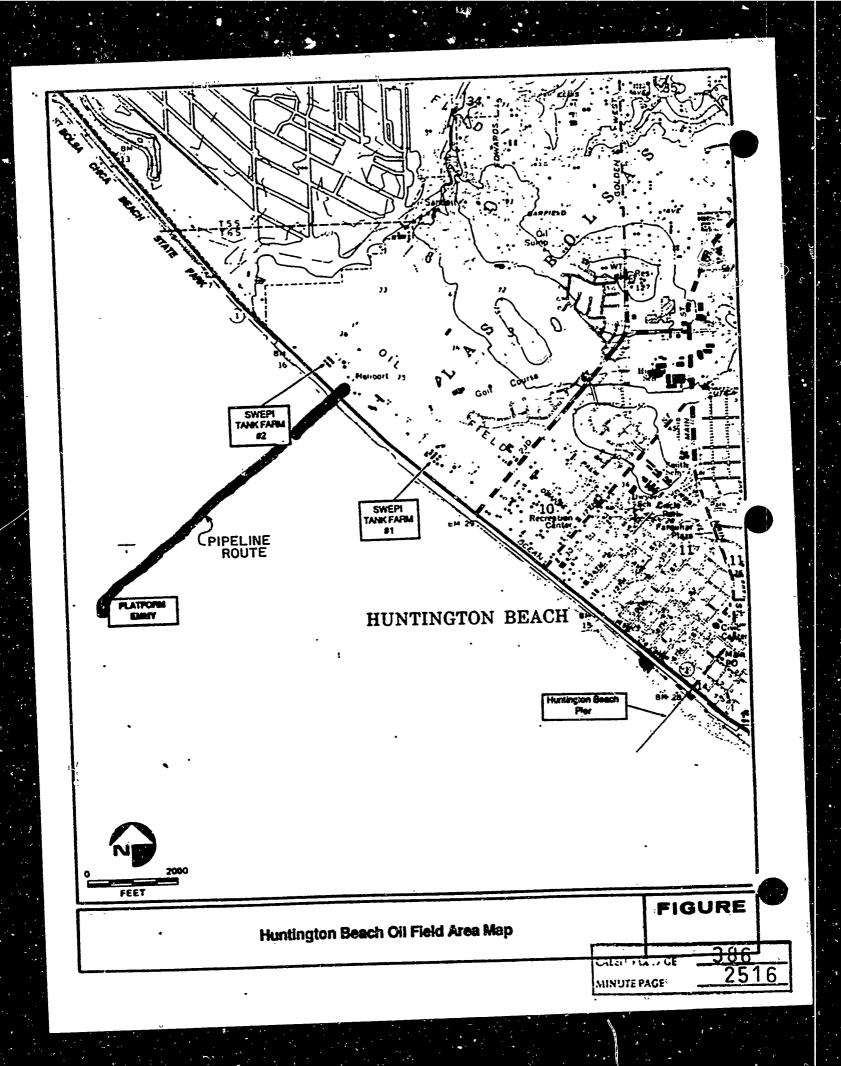
In order to reduce impacts to recreation which could occur because of the project, SWEPI will limit their construction to the period from November 1, to May 1. This will reduce the potential impacts which might occur between beach users, recreational boaters, and the construction operations during the high intensity recreation period between May 1, and October 31.

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CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

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DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATIONS:

The proposed pipeline route follows the existing pipeline corridor between the onshore bluffs at Huntington Beach and the platform. This corridor crosses an intermittent rocky outcrop area which extends from the surf zone to about 2000 feet offshore.

A biological survey of this goef area and the pipeline corridor was conducted by CHAMBERS GROUP, INC. and completed in April, 1988. The purpose of this survey was to determine the marine biological resources which could be affected by the pulling The survey found the pipeline to the platform. little invertebrate growth and no algal growth attached to the rocky substrate. route was found to be significantly affected by surf conditions which move sand around and abrade Holes and crevices the rocky outcrops regularly. were found in the rocks which could provide good hiding areas for fish, fish larvae and spiny lobster, however none were observed. the survey report is attached herewith.

The laying of the pipeline through the reef will have no detrimental impacts to the rocky substrate or organisms using the substrate. However, if anchors were placed on the rocky outcrops some damage would result. SWEPI's anchoring of the lay barge will, however, not result in such impacts. The lay barge will likely be tied to the platform when pulling the pipeline. If the lay barge must be anchored, the anchors will be placed in areas which will not affect rocky outcrops.

Items E.1., E.3., and E.4. See discussion on Item D.1.

Item F.1. The proposed project involves the welding of the pipeline at SWEPI"s onshore fabrication area, the installation of a new 24" casing under the highway and the installation of the pipeline to the offshore area. All of these activities will generate substantial noise from construction activities and metal to metal clanking.

The impacts from the noise generated from the project are not considered significant because of the location where the pipeline construction will

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Item M.5.

For a period of about 7 days, a pull barge will be located in the offshore area between Platform Emmy and the coast bluffs. This barge will pose a temporary interference to vessel traffic traversing this area. Thus, there will be a temporary interference with both commercial and recreational ocean vessel traffic.

The impact can be mitigated by undertaking construction after November 1, when recreational traffic is less than during the summer months. In addition, a Notice To Mariners will be posted with the Coast Guard which will enable the Coast Guard to advise both commercial and recreational boater of the activity of the barge during the construction period.

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Disruption of recreational activities will occur during pipeline casing construction under the highway and during pipeline installation, a 2 week period. During this period, usage of the beach will be prohibited in the construction area.

After the pipeline is in place, no interference will occur because the pipeline will be buried to a depth of at least 5 feet and will have no impact on recreation.

In order to mitigate the interference with recreational use of the beach, construction activities will occur after November 1, and before May 1, when recreational use is at a minimum.

Item S.1. See the discussion and mitigation presented in Item N.5.

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BIOLOGICAL SHEVEY

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PROPOSED 12-INCH REPLACEMENT PIPELINE ROUTE
BETWEEN PLATFORM EMMY AND ONSHORE FACILITY
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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BIOLOGICAL SURVEY OF PROPOSED 12-INCH REPLACEMENT PIPELINE ROUTE BETWEEN PLATFORM EMMY AND ONSHORE PACILITY HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA

INTRODUCTION

Shell-Western E&P Inc. (SWEPI) proposes to lay a 12-inch replacement water injection line between Platform Emmy and its onshore facilities. The route follows an existing pipeline bundle. Because hard substrate had been identified along the proposed pipeline route, the California State fands Commission requested that a marine biologist survey the route.

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METHODS

The biological survey was performed by Dr. Noël Davis and Ms. Pamela Morris, both of Chambers Group, on April 15, 1988. Sea conditions were stormy with bumpy, short period swell and 4- to 6-foot surf. Underwater conditions were surgy. Underwater visibility was poor, ranging from 0 to 3 feet. Ocean temperature was 60° F.

SWEPI employee Bill Wilder directed the biologists to the vicinity of the pipeline bundle. The biologists located the three existing pipelines and power cable underwater and followed the pipeline route shoreward all the way in to 18 feet of water which was almost in the surf zone. Notes were made of the nature of the hard substrate and associated biota along the pipeline route.

A second dive was made in the area of rock outcropping. Video was taken of the rocks and pipelines and still photographs were taken using Chambers Group's photojig. The still photos provide photodocumentation and quantitative information of percent cover on the pipeline and adjacent hard bottom area.

The photojig holds a camera and two strobes in fixed position over a 30 cm by 50 cm quadrat. The quadrat photographs were used to generate quantitative information on percent cover of organisms on the rock and pipes. To quantify percent cover, the developed transparency was projected onto a paper with a gride pattern of approximately 500 dots. The number of dots superimposed on each species is then scored with the percent cover values expressed as the number of hits for each species divided by the total number of dots contained in the quadrat. Because of the poor underwater visibility, the video was almost useless.

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RESULTS

In the offshore area where the pipeline was first encountered at a depth of approximately 40 feet, the bottom was sand. biologists followed the pipeline in towards shore along fairly barren sand bottom. The only organism seen on the sand was the tube worm, Diopatra sp., which is usually the dominant epifaunal organism on sand bottoms at this depth. At 35-foot depth, the pipeline became covered with sand but it was visible again after about 50 feet. Just past the point where the pipelines became uncovered again, hard substrate was encountered. The substrate remained mostly rocky with a few areas of sand the rest of the way in shore to the surf line. The rocky area consisted of low relief. Most of the relief was about one foot in height and no rocks greater than three feet in height were seen. very little growth on the rocks. There was a little bit of filimentous algae, an unidentified bryozoan and a few barnacles. The only place where there was substantial cover with biological growth was in about 25 feet of water where the sand tube worm, Phragmatopoma californica was common on the rocks.

At the offshore end of the rock outcrop, in about 35 feet of water, a few small individuals of the rust gorgonian, Muricea californica grew on the rocks. This is an area of violently shifting substrate and these rocks are probably covered and uncovered with sand periodically. The lack of plant growth on these rocks is indicative of the harsh conditions in this area. Normally rocks in shallow water are covered with algae. The lack of algae here is probably related to the constant sand abrasion, periodic burial and low light levels because of the chronically poor visibility. The rocks were high enough to provide crevices and shelter for fishes and lobster. We did not see any lobster but apparently they are sometimes common in this area (Bill Wilder, SWEPI, personal communication). One spider crab,

Loxorhyunchus grandis, was seen: Three species of fish were observed, the kelp bass <u>Paralabrax clathratus</u>, the sand bass <u>Partalabrax nebulifer</u> and the black surf perch <u>Embiotica jacksoni</u>. The sand bass was the most common species with a density of approximately one individual every five meters.

In contrast to the almost barren rocks, the pipelines were covered with a lush growth of the gorgonian <u>Muricea californica</u>. The pipeline also supported fairly heavy growth of the bryozoan <u>Hippodiplosia insculpta</u>. The pipes were usually above the rock areas and in some places were as high as 18 inches above the base of the rocks.

Percent cover on the rocks as compared to the pipe is shown in Table 1. The percentage of pipe that is covered by gorgonians is 61.8 percent. In contrast, the rocks are 73.8 percent bare with only a 2.7 percent gorgonian growth. Average cover of tube worms (Phragmatopoma californica) is 17.9 percent but in the areas of densest growth, at about 25-foot depth, the percent cover was as much as 100 percent on some rocks.

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CONCLUSIONS

The operation of laying the replacement water injection pipeline over the hard bottom area will have minimal impact on marine life in the area. The hard substrate is nearly barren of growth. In the 25-foot depth zone, sand tube worms will suffer impacts within the localized area in which the pipe contacts the bottom.

The primary value of this hard bottom habitat to marine life is the relief and crevices it provides to lobster, crabs and fishes. This habitat value should not be affected by SWEPI's proposed pipeline installation.

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Table 1 PERCENT COVER ON ROCKS AND ON PIPE

PIPE

	Muricea californica	61.8	percent
;	Bare pipeline	33.3	percent
	Unidentified bryozoan	2.4	percent
ROC	KS		
•	Hippodiplosia insculpta	1.6	percent
	Bare rock	73.8	percent
:	Muricea californica	2.7	percent
	Unidentified bryozoan	1.4	percent

Phragmatopoma californica

<u>Balanus</u>

17.9 percent

2.8 percent