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No. 56 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3  
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CALENDAR ITEM

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07/19/93  
PRC 3945  
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ACCEPT THE FULL QUITCLAIM OF  
STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 3945  
(5,546 ACRES, OFFSHORE OXNARD),  
VENTURA COUNTY

**LESSEE:**

Shell Western E&P, Inc  
Attn: T. E. Enders, Land Department  
California Division  
P. O. Box 11164  
Bakersfield, CA 93389

**BACKGROUND:**

State oil and gas lease PRC 3945 (Lease) was issued to Shell Oil Company on May 23, 1968 and contains 5,546 acres of tide and submerged lands in the vicinity of the City of Oxnard in Ventura County, California (leased lands). Shell Oil Company assigned this lease to Shell Western E&P, Inc. (SWEPI) effective January 1, 1984. Under the terms of the Lease, the lessee is required to pay an annual rental of \$1.00 per acre (\$5,546 for 5,546 acres) and commence drilling operations on the leased lands within three years. Two unsuccessful exploration wells were drilled and were properly abandoned by the lessee on the leased lands.

P.R.C. 6804.1 and Lease Paragraph 30 permit the lessee to make at any time a written quitclaim of all rights under the lease or of any portion of the leased lands comprising a ten-acre parcel or multiple thereof in a compact form. The quitclaim will be effective when it is filed with the State subject to the continued obligation of the lessee and its surety to pay all accrued rentals and royalties and to abandon all wells drilled on the leased lands.

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On May 19, 1993, the Commission's Long Beach office staff received the document "Full Quitclaim Deed for State Oil and Gas Lease". This document was dated May 6, 1993 and quitclaims to the State all of the lessee's right, title and interest in the leased lands described in Exhibit "A" of State oil and gas lease PRC 3945 dated May 23, 1968.

A review of the Commission's files reveals that no default exists on the Lease, that the lessee has complied with all applicable laws and Lease provisions and has paid all rentals (no royalty is due as the leased lands were not developed).

**STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:**

- A. P.R.C. 6804.1 and Lease Paragraph 30.

**AB 884:**

N/A

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA because the activity is not a "project" as defined by the CEQA Statutes and Guidelines.

Authority: P.R.C. 21084 and 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15378.

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Land Description
- B. Location Map

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:**

1. FIND THE ACTIVITY EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA, PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15378.
2. ACCEPT FROM SHELL WESTERN E&P, INC. (LESSEE) THE FULL QUITCLAIM DEED FOR STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 3945 DATED MAY 6, 1993, WHERE THE LESSEE QUITCLAIMS TO THE STATE ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THE LEASED LANDS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" OF STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 3945 DATED MAY 23, 1968.

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3. RELEASE SHELL WESTERN E&P, INC. FROM ALL OBLIGATIONS UNDER STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 3945 EFFECTIVE MAY 19, 1993, THE FILING DATE OF THE QUITCLAIM DEED.
4. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF ANY DOCUMENT NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE COMMISSION'S ACTION.

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## Exhibit "A"

Attached hereto and made a part of that certain Relinquishment of Oil and Gas Lease dated May 6, 1993, for State of California lease P.R.C. 3945.1

A parcel of tidelands and submerged lands in the Santa Barbara Channel offshore from Hollywood by the Sea, Ventura County, California, and being bounded as follows:

1. On the northeast by the Ordinary High Water Mark of the Santa Barbara Channel along the California mainland.
2. On the northwest by a line having a bearing of S. 62° 00' W. and which intersects that certain course connecting Station 66 and Station 67 as shown upon Sheet 8 of 10 of the map entitled "Plat of the Ordinary High Water Mark", recorded June 3, 1964, in Book 28, pages 76 through 85, Records of Survey, Ventura County records, at a point on said course located S. 26° 33' 54" E., 530 feet from said Station No. 67.
3. On the southwest by a line every point of which is 3 geographical miles seaward from the nearest point on the line of ordinary low water of the Santa Barbara Channel or at a distance of 3 geographical miles from the presently existing outermost permanent harbour works within or in the vicinity of the leasehold area.
4. On the southeast by a line having a bearing of S. 45° 45' W. and which intersects that certain course connecting Station 46 and Station 47 as shown upon Sheet 6 of 10 of the map heretofore described entitled "Plat of the Ordinary High Water Mark", at a point on said course located N. 33° 42' 28" W., 460 feet from said Station No. 46. Note: The subject course on the record map is erroneously shown as S. 33° 42' 28" W.

The net area of the subject parcel is 5,546 acres more or less.

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EXHIBIT "B"  
STATE LANDS COMMISSION

PRC 3945.1

COMMON RESERVOIR AGREEMENT  
UNION OIL COMPANY  
VENTURA COUNTY

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SCALE 1" = 8000'



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