This Calendar Item No. <u>C79</u>
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No. <u>79</u> by the State Lands
to <u>0</u> at Its <u>3-8-94</u>
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ACCEPT THE FULL QUITCLAIM DEEDS FOR STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRC 3184 AND PRC 3403, OFFSHORE PITAS POINT, VENTURA COUNTY

## LESSEE:

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Attn: Lee Bafalon, Senior Land Representative P. O. Box 6917 Ventura, California 93006

# AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

State oil and gas lease PRC 3184 contains 5,540 acres of tide and submerged lands and PRC 3403 contains 5,300 acres of tide and submerged lands offshore Pitas Point, Ventura County, California.

# LAND USE:

State oil and gas leases.

# CURRENT LEASE TERMS:

Lease period:

20 plus (commercial economic quantities) years beginning 9/24/64 (PRC 3184) and 11/18/65 (PRC 3403).

# Surety bond:

\$50,000 (PRC 3814) and \$50,000 (PRC 3403).

# Rent:

\$5,540 (PRC 3184) and \$5,300 (PRC 3403) per annum.

# Royalty:

For oil: Between 16 2/3 percent to 50 percent of monthly lease production.
For non-oil products: 16 2/3 percent of monthly lease

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# BACKGROUND:

State oil and gas lease PRC 3184 was issued to Standard Oil Company of California on September 24, 1964. State oil and gas lease PRC 3403 was issued to Standard Oil Company of California on November 18, 1965. Both leases are located

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offshore Pitas Point, Ventura County. On January 1, 1977, Standard Oil Company of California changed its name to Chevron U.S.A., Inc. Chevron U.S.A. Inc., drilled three exploratory wells on State lease PRC 3184 and one well on State lease PRC 3403. All wells were plugged and abandoned pursuant to California Division of Oil and Gas regulations (Exhibit "D" attached). Based on a Chevron sponsored geohazard survey done in the area, no geohazard debris has been identified.

P.R.C. Section 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.

On December 17, 1993, the Commission's Long Beach office staff received the document "Quitclaim Deed for State Oil and Gas Lease" for State oil and gas leases PRC 3184 and PRC 3403 from Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Both documents are dated December 13, 1993 and quitclaims back to the State all of Chevron's title and interest in the leased lands described in Exhibits "A" and "B".

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

# APPLICANT STATUS:

Applicant is lessee of upland.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:
No fees are required.

# STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. P.R.C. 6804.1 and Lease Paragraph 30.
- B. Cal. Code Regs.: Title 3, Div. 3; Title 14, Div. 6.

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# 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 the CEQA because the activity is not a "project" as defined by CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Authority: P.R.C. 21065 and 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15378.

### EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description (PRC 3184)
- B. Land Description (PRC 3403)
- C. Location Map
- D. Division of Oil and Gas Abandonment Certificates

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

- 1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS 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 CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. (LESSEE) THE FULL
  "QUITCLAIM DEED FOR STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE" FOR STATE OIL
  AND GAS LEASES PRC 3184 AND PRC 3403, VENTURA COUNTY, DATED
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  ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THE LEASED LANDS DESCRIBED
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- 3. RELEASE CHEVRON U.S.A. INC., FROM ALL OBLIGATIONS UNDER STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES PRC 3184 AND PRC 3403, VENTURA COUNTY, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 17, 1993 THE FILING DATE OF THE QUITCLAIM DEEDS.
- 4. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF ANY DOCUMENT NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE COMMISSION'S ACTION.

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# EXHIBIT "A"

A PARCEL OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LAND IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL SITUATE BETWEEN SEA CLIFF AND PITAS POINT, VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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HEGINNING, CONTAINING 5,540 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

THE HEARINGS AND DISTANCES USED IN THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION ARE BASED ON THE CALIFORNIA COGRDINATE SYSTEM ZONE 5.

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# EXHIBIT "B"

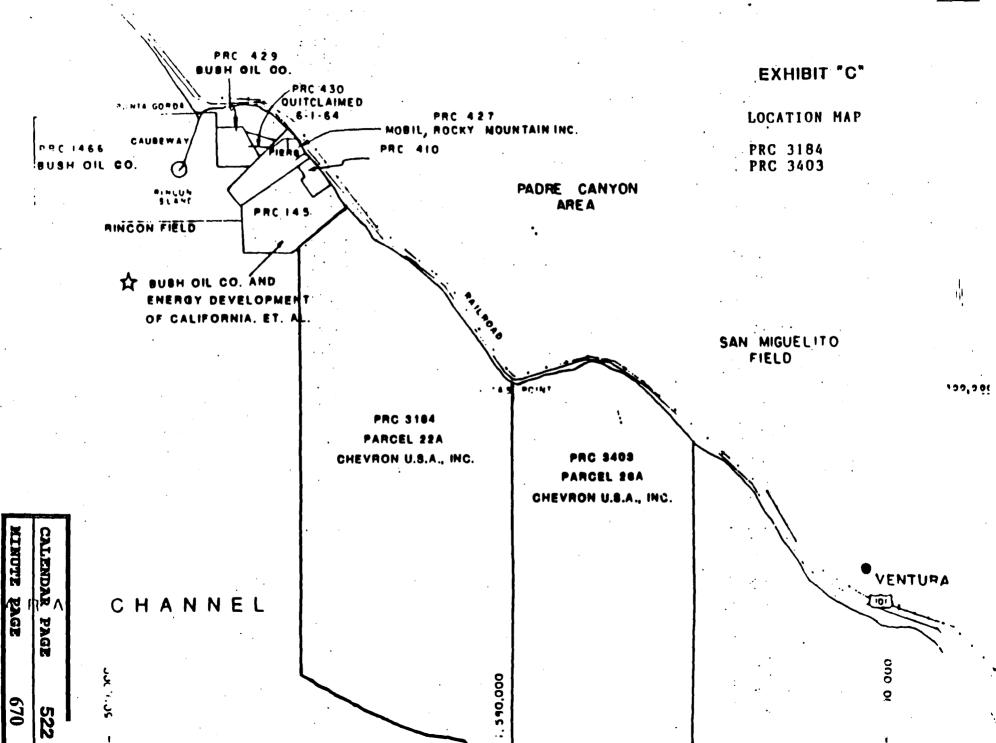
A PARCEL OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LAND IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL SITUATE EASTERLY OF PITAS POINT, VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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FOR PURPOSES OF THIS DESCRIPTION THE TERMS "LINE OF ORDINARY LOW WATER" AND "GEOGRAPHICAL MILES" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS SAID TERMS HAVE AS USED IN THE SUBMERGED LANDS ACT OF 1953 (67 STAT. 29).

The lease shall be subject to a 50-foot intake pipeline easement adjacent to the shore issued to the Continental Oil Company under Public Resources Code Series 1448.1.

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