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MCFARLAND ENERGY, INC. (ASSIGNOR) AND SLAWSON EXPLORATION COMPANY, INC. (ASSIGNEE):

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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF INTEREST IN OIL AND GAS LEASE NO. PRC 7976 SOLANO COUNTY

ASSIGNOR:

McFarland Energy, Inc. Attn.: Mr. Alan A. Kleier 5201 Truxton Avenue Bakersfield, California 93309

ASSIGNEE:

Slawson Exploration Company, Inc. Attn.: Ms. Helen M. Capps 1625 Broadway, Suite 1450 Denver, Colorado 80203

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

42 acres in the bed of Nurse Slough, Solano County.

BACKGROUND:

Oil and Gas Lease No. PRC 7976 was issued to McFarland Energy, Inc. (McFarland) on July 11, 1997. McFarland is the operator for the lease. McFarland is now requesting that the State Lands Commission approve assignment of 100 percent interest in this lease to Slawson Exploration Company, Inc.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. Section 4 of the Lease.
- B. Public Resources Code section: 6804

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA

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Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 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 the CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21065 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15378.

2. Assignment forms and prerequisite filing fees have been paid by Slawson Exploration Company, Inc.

EXHIBIT:

- A. Land Description.
- B. Location Map.

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15378.

AUTHORIZATION:

CONSENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF 100 PERCENT INTEREST IN OIL AND GAS LEASE NO. PRC 7976 FROM MCFARLAND ENERGY, INC., TO SLAWSON EXPLORATION COMPANY, INC., WITH THE ASSIGNEE TO BE BOUND BY ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE.

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTIVE ALL DOCUMENTS TO EFFECT THIS ASSIGNMENT.

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Exhibit A Land Description

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A parcel of State owned tide and submerged lands lying in the bed of Nurse Slough (Luco Slough) Solano County, California said parcel described as follows:

All that portion of the bed of Nurse Slough bounded on the north by a line parallel with and 3400 feet southerly of the northerly line of Section 3, T04N, R01W, MDM, and bounded on the south by Little Honker Bay.

END OF DESCRIPTION

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