

**MINUTE ITEM**

This Calendar Item No. C42 was approved as  
Minute Item No. 42 by the California State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its  
1-29-99 meeting.

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PRC 3896.1

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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF INTEREST  
IN OIL AND GAS LEASE NO. PRC 3896.1,  
SOLANO AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES**

**ASSIGNOR:**

Chevron U.S.A., Inc.  
Attn: Mr. V. L. Byers, III  
P. O. Box 1392  
Bakersfield, California 93302

**ASSIGNEE:**

Venoco, Inc. (formerly Venoco, LLC)  
Attn.: Mr. Timothy Marquez  
217 State Street, Suite 300  
Santa Barbara, California 93101

**AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:**

Oil and Gas Lease No. PRC 3896.1 contains 1,448 acres of tide and submerged lands near Ryer Island in Suisun Bay, Contra Costa and Solano Counties.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oil and Gas Lease No. PRC 3896.1 was awarded by competitive bid to Standard Company of California (now Chevron U.S.A., Inc.) on January 26, 1968. Chevron is the operator for the lease. Chevron is now requesting that the California State Lands Commission approve assignment of 100 percent interest in this lease to Venoco, Inc. Oil and Gas Lease Nos. PRC 3896.1 and PRC 3743.1 are unitized. Originally, there was production from Platform "A", Platform "B", and the Upland Drill site. Platform "A" and Platform "B" were abandoned in 1992. The Upland Drill Site has three wells, one is shut-in, one is dually completed making 1,202 mcf/day and the other is making 28 mcf/day for a total of 1,230 mcf/day.

**STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:**

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

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**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION**

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

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Ryer Island Unit Agreement.
- 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 3896.1 FROM CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., TO VENOCO, INC., WITH THE ASSIGNEE TO BE BOUND BY ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE.

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

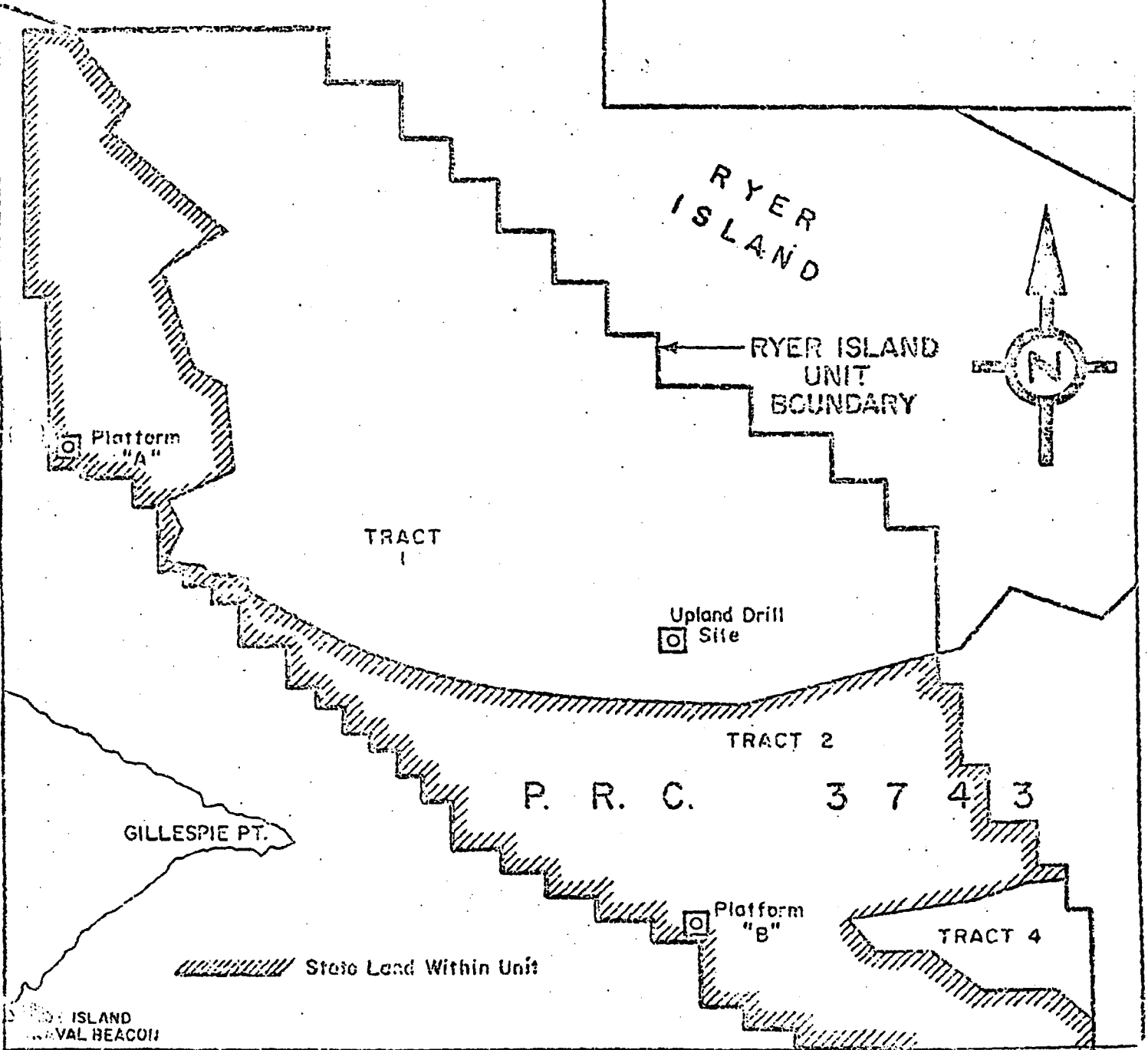
EXHIBIT "A"

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Ryer Island Unit Agreement  
PRC 3743.1 and PRC 3896.1

Solano and Contra Costa Counties

Scale: 1" = 1000'



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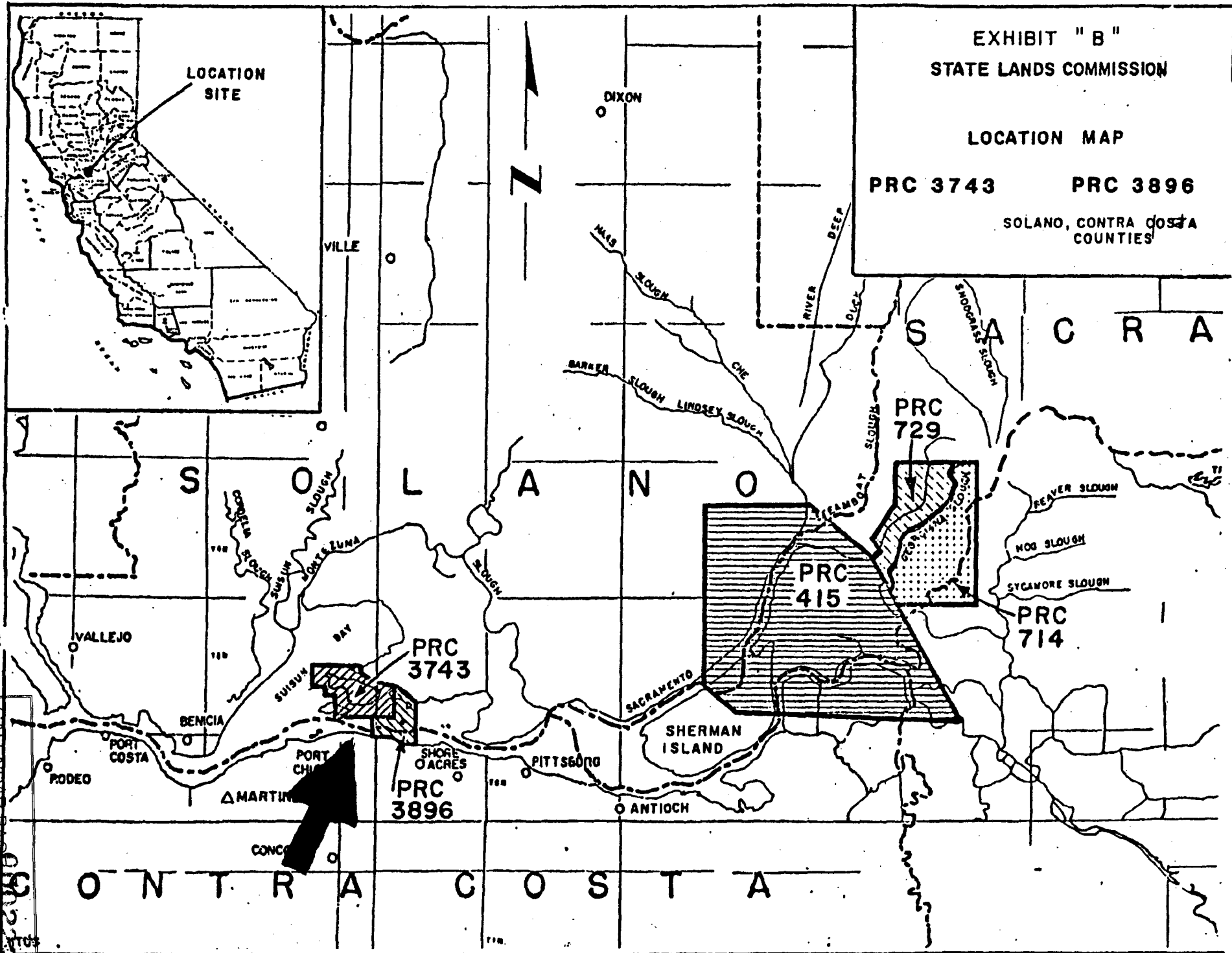
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LOCATION MAP

PRC 3743

PRC 3896

SOLANO, CONTRA COSTA  
COUNTIES



LOCATION  
SITE

VILLE

DIXON

S A C R A M E N T O

S O L A N O

VALLEJO

PRC  
3743

PRC  
415

PRC  
729

PRC  
714

BENICIA

PORT  
COSTA

RODEO

PORT  
CHICAGO

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