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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK OF THE
RINCON ISLAND CAUSEWAY TO ENSURE THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY
AND SAFETY, AND OPERATIONAL ACCESS TO FACILITIES ON
CALIFORNIA STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE NO. PRC 1466.1
OFFSHORE PUNTA GORDA,
VENTURA COUNTY**

APPLICANT:

Rincon Island Limited Partnership
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AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

A 2,732 foot long causeway structure constructed above water with a wooden deck and steel pile support system located within State Oil and Gas Lease No. PRC 1466.1 connecting Rincon Island and the shoreline at Punta Gorda, Ventura County.

BACKGROUND:

Winter storms of 2007 caused severe damage to the shoreside abutment of the causeway and degraded the structural integrity of the causeway. On April 1, 2008, the California State Lands Commission (Commission) staff reviewed and approved a temporary emergency repair and maintenance work plan to an existing structure. The proposed action was identified as categorically and statutorily exempt from CEQA. During a follow up inspection completed in October 2008, the Lessee, Rincon Island Limited Partnership (RILP) discovered that several of the piles supporting the Causeway were severely damaged and one pile was separated at the sea floor. Upon discovering this information, RILP stopped production from the Island and shut down the Causeway to all vehicular traffic on October 30, 2008, and flushed the oil pipeline with water on November

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12, 2008. In March 2009, RILP submitted to the Commission staff, a work plan and procedures to repair the structural supports of the Causeway. RILP obtained Commission staff's approval on April 9, 2009, to proceed with the repair of the causeway structure.

In early May 2009, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) asked for and obtained the work plan and details for the causeway structural repair procedures. By mid-May 2009, the CCC ordered RILP to stop the work on the project until it obtained a Coastal Development Permit (CDP). In April 2010, RILP submitted to the CCC a revised Project Execution Plan meeting the requirements of the CCC. The CCC approved the project plan at its August 12, 2010, meeting and issued CDP No. E-09-011, dated September 14, 2010, to RILP.

The Lessee, RILP, started the causeway repair work in the first week of May 2011. During the repair work and upon further inspection of the structure, RILP discovered the piles were damaged significantly more than previously noted and determined that the piling repair procedure should be changed from pile reinforcement using partial length sleeves, to full length sleeves driven over the damaged piles called pile jacketing. RILP submitted the revised repair procedures to the CCC. At its June 17, 2011 meeting, the CCC will hear an immaterial amendment E-09-011-A1 for this project under its certified regulatory program.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

1. On September 15, 2010, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) granted Permit # E-09-011 and is scheduled to hear an immaterial amendment E-09-011-A1 for this project on June 17, 2011, under its certified regulatory program [Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15251(c)].
2. Staff has reviewed the document and determined that the conditions, as specified in Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15253(b), have been met for the Commission to use the environmental analysis document certified by the CCC as a Negative Declaration equivalent in order to comply with the requirements of CEQA.
3. This activity involves lands which have NOT been identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370, et. seq. However, the Commission has declared that all lands are "significant" by nature of their public ownership (as opposed to "environmentally significant"). Since such declaration of significance is not based upon the requirements and criteria of Public Resources Code

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section 6370, et. seq., use classifications for such lands have not been designated. Therefore, the finding of the project's consistency with the use classification as required by Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2954 is not applicable.

EXHIBIT:

- A. Location Map

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Commission:

CEQA FINDINGS:

Find that environmental analysis documents, California Coastal Commission (CCC) Permit #E-09-011 and immaterial amendment E-09-011-A1, were adopted for this Project by the CCC under its certified program [Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15251 (c)], and that the California State Lands Commission has reviewed and considered the information therein and concurs in the CCC's determinations.

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize Rincon Island Limited Partnership to proceed with the emergency repair work for the Rincon Island causeway to ensure structural integrity and safety for operational access to facilities on State Oil and Gas Lease No. PRC 1466.1 offshore Punta Gorda, Ventura County.