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Betty Yee, Chair
California State Lands Commission
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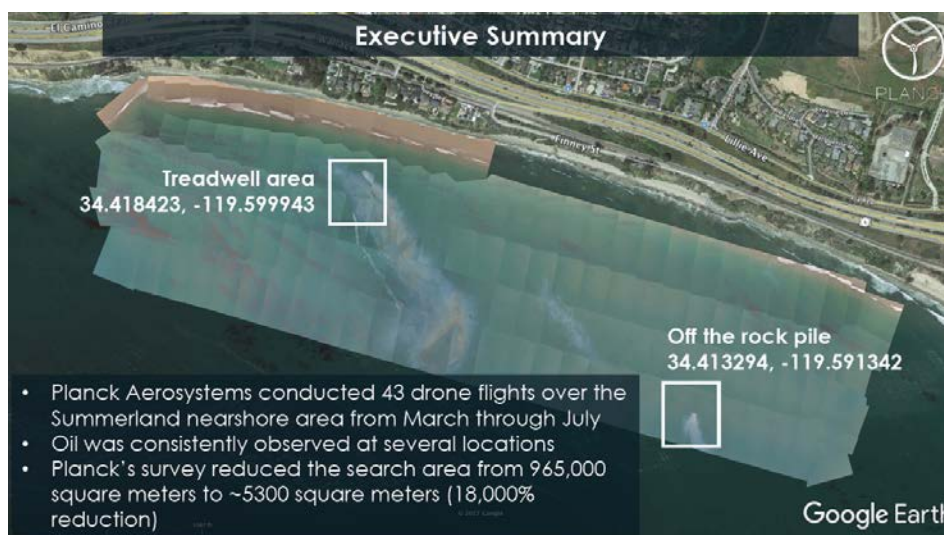
Re: June 21, 2018 CSLC Agenda Item #93 Abandonment of 3 "Legacy" wells in the Summerland Oil Field under SB 44 (Jackson)

Dear Ms. Yee and Honorable Commissioners:

Heal the Ocean (HTO) was at the State Lands Commission hearing in August 2015 on the subject of remediating leaking oil wells off Summerland. At that hearing we announced (incredulously to some) - "We will go get the money" to cap Becker Well. But we did go after it. We hired a consultant, went after a \$1.5 million Ocean Conservancy grant, and when that didn't work out (no CEQA money), we continued on with great help and strategizing with State Lands staff - notably Steve Curran and Seth Blackmon. At the end, not even 2 years later, Becker Well is now capped!

Steve Curran is a hero to us, and to the Summerland community, for his hard work, his attention to the project until it was finished in February 2018 - four months ago.

Heal the Ocean in the meantime worked hard for the successful passage of **SB 44 "Legacy Oil Well Bill"** (Jackson) - and to help with something meaningful, we hired Planck Aerosystems, Goleta, CA, to conduct a 5- month aerial survey off Summerland to pinpoint locations of the other wells needing remediation. Mr. Curran oversaw this operation, to ensure SLC had the information it would need to remediate these wells. Mainly, this survey eliminated the prospect of looking for the proverbial "needle in a haystack."



We are now gratified to be at the Tuesday June 21, 2018 Commission hearing, to listen not only to Mr. Curran's presentation of the successful capping of Becker well, but also to the discussion of **Item 93: Delegating authority to the Executive Officer to solicit proposals....for preparation and subsequent execution of an engineering plan for permanent abandonment of up to three legacy wells in the Summerland Oil Field.**

Truly, what a wonderful thing it would be to OK the planning for three wells altogether, eliminating piecemeal one-by-one project execution, which would be costly but also stressful to the Summerland community and Santa Barbara ocean lovers at large.

Please say Yes! Thank you.

With very best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Hauser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hillary Hauser, Executive Director