RINCON DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT
FEASIBILITY REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION
Past Decommissioning Projects

- 4H Platform Decommissioning
- Seacliff Pier Complex Decommissioning (located adjacent to Rincon Island)
- Grubb Lease Seawater Intake and Outfall Project (located immediately south of the Project site);
- Belmont Island Decommissioning (the only offshore oil and gas production island decommissioning in California; and
- Bird Island Decommissioning (Reefing and restoration of remanent oil and gas pier).
Feasibility Study

- Background and Description of Alternatives for Decommissioning
  - Desktop Study Report
  - Project Execution Plan
  - Bathymetric Survey and Structural Survey
  - Coastal Engineering Study

- Environmental Assessment/Alternatives Analysis
  - Baseline Assessment of Core CEQA Checklist Items
  - Marine Biological Study

- Socio-economic Analysis
  - Environmental Justice
  - Commercial Fishing
  - Recreational Uses

- Engineering Assessment
  - Component 1. Onshore Facility Surface Decommissioning
    - Soil Remediation and Site Restoration
  - Component 2. Island Surface Facilities Removal
  - Component 3. Removal and Backfill of the Well Bay
  - Component 4. Removal of the Island Asphalt Covering
  - Component 5. Removal of Island Core
    - Onshore Disposal
    - Offshore Disposal
  - Component 6. Removal of Protective Armor
  - Component 7. Causeway Removal
  - Component 8. Onshore Pipeline Connections
Feasibility Study Alternatives Review Diagram
Key Studies

- An expanded geophysical survey;
- A detailed biological assessment by University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) scientists;
- A review of the island’s structural integrity under regional oceanographic conditions and anticipated sea level rise concerns;
- Soil and Water Assessment
The Three R’s Approach (Removal, Reuse, or Reefing)

- For the purposes of CEQA, the no Project alternative (retained facilities in current condition);
- Complete removal of the island, causeway and remediation and restoration of the onshore property;
- Retention of the island, removal of the causeway (vessel-based access), and remediation and restoration of the onshore property; and
- Retention of the island, repair of the causeway for long term access and remediation and restoration of the onshore property.
Potential Project Alternatives

- Feasibility Study Draft Alternatives Recommends
  - No Project
  - Complete Removal Alternative
  - Retain Island and Remove Causeway
  - Retain Island and Repair Causeway

- Identify Potential Reuse or Reefing Partners
  - Yes
    - Project Specific CEQA Document
    - Ongoing Public and Partner Engagement
    - CEQA Process Completed and Project Decision
  - No
    - Programmatic EIR
CEQA Compliance Components

- Determination of Required CEQA Documentation
- Preparation of Draft CEQA Document
- Preparation of Final CEQA Document
- Findings and Final Approval
- Administrative Record
- Agency and Public Meetings
- Web Documentation Support

Potential Impacts

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Cultural Resources – Tribal
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials/Risk of Upset
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic

Potentially No Impact

- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Biological Resources (Terrestrial)
- Land Use and Planning
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Utilities and Service Systems

Other Considerations

- Socio-economics (e.g., Commercial Fishing)
- Environmental Justice
- Sea-Level Rise/Climate Change
Public Input Opportunities

- This Townhall Meeting
- Feasibility Study Planning Meeting
- Draft Feasibility Study Review Meeting
- CEQA Document Scoping Meeting
- Draft CEQA Review Meeting