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## NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California State Lands Commission (CSLC), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and that CSLC staff will hold two sessions of a virtual public scoping meeting pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for the project listed below.<sup>1</sup>

**Project Title:** PRC 421 Decommissioning Project

**Proponent:** California State Lands Commission

**Project Location:** The former Oil and Gas Lease PRC 421 include two piers and caissons on State tidelands and submerged lands as well as the upland access road and revetment below the bluffs marking the southern limit of the Sandpiper Golf Course in the city of Goleta, California (see Figure 1 in the Attachment).

**Meeting Information: Thursday, June 24, 2021** Sessions begin at **2 PM** and **6 PM**

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| Via Zoom at:<br><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938134240?pwd=WVVUblVWQ3NUNnpSSStmT0s3Z3oyZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938134240?pwd=WVVUblVWQ3NUNnpSSStmT0s3Z3oyZz09</a><br>or by Phone: <b>833 548 0282 (Toll Free)</b><br>then enter Webinar ID: <b>849 3813 4240</b><br>Passcode: <b>015518</b> | Via Zoom at:<br><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85001604394?pwd=TE8reFlmSXRWU3hHN0lMSmoOQTNsZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85001604394?pwd=TE8reFlmSXRWU3hHN0lMSmoOQTNsZz09</a><br>or by Phone: <b>833 548 0282 (Toll Free)</b><br>then enter Webinar ID: <b>850 0160 4394</b><br>Passcode: <b>667796</b> |

The CSLC staff has prepared this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to solicit public and agency comments, in writing or at the public meeting, as to the scope and

<sup>1</sup> CEQA is in Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.; the State CEQA Guidelines are in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15000 et seq. The public scoping meeting will be held pursuant to CEQA (§ 21083.9, subd. (a)(2)) and the State CEQA Guidelines (§§ 15082, subd. (c), and 15083).

content of the environmental analysis and mitigation measures to include in the EIR. Applicable agencies will need to use the EIR when considering related permits or other Project approvals. This NOP, along with additional background information and the Project Description included in the Attachment, is also available online at [www.slc.ca.gov](http://www.slc.ca.gov) (under the "Information" tab and "CEQA" link).

**Written comments must be received or postmarked by July 9, 2021.**<sup>2</sup> Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to:

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| Eric Gillies<br>Environmental Program Manager I<br>California State Lands Commission<br>100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South<br>Sacramento, CA 95825 | <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:CEQA.comments@slc.ca.gov">CEQA.comments@slc.ca.gov</a><br>(Subject Line: PRC 421 Decommissioning<br>Project NOP Comments)<br><b>Phone:</b> (916) 574-1897 |
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## PROJECT SUMMARY

Two piers and caissons, supporting two wells, formerly produced oil and gas from the offshore Lease PRC 421. The two wells have been idle since 1994 and were plugged and abandoned pursuant to California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) regulatory specifications in May and September 2019. The decommissioning project would remove the two piers and caissons and other infrastructure, including two pipelines and the access road and supporting rock revetment. See the Attachment for more Project details.

## VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Each session of the virtual public scoping meeting will be conducted using the online meeting platform Zoom. You may join by entering the web link listed above for the session you would like to join, or by dialing in by telephone at the number listed above. The Zoom meeting links will also be available on the CSLC's website at [www.slc.ca.gov](http://www.slc.ca.gov) (under the "Information" tab and "CEQA" link). You may join from a desktop computer, laptop, mobile device, or telephone. Staff recommends that you test out your device, internet connection, and Zoom app compatibility well before attempting to join the meeting.

The CSLC staff will begin each session of the scoping meeting noticed above with a brief presentation on the proposed Project. The material presented at both sessions will be the same. Two sessions are scheduled for the convenience

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<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15103, Responsible and Trustee Agencies shall provide a response to a NOP within 30 days after receipt of the notice.

of the attendees. After each presentation, staff will receive comments on the potential significant environmental issues that should be included in the EIR, until all persons present who wish to provide oral comments have done so, at which time staff will close the session. Each session will be recorded, and all oral comments will be summarized in a scoping memo. A 3-minute time limit on oral comments may be imposed. No Commission action on the Project will occur at these sessions; any such action will occur at a separate noticed public meeting after the EIR has been finalized.

### IMPORTANT NOTES TO COMMENTERS

1. If you submit written comments, you are encouraged to submit electronic copies by email to [CEQA.comments@slc.ca.gov](mailto:CEQA.comments@slc.ca.gov) and write “**PRC 421 Decommissioning Project NOP Comments**” in the subject line of your email.
2. Before including your mailing or email address, telephone number, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may become publicly available, including in the EIR and posted on the Internet. The CSLC will make available for inspection, in their entirety, all comments submitted by organizations, businesses, or individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses.
3. If you represent a public agency, please provide the name, email address, and telephone number for the contact person in your agency for this EIR.
4. If you require a sign language interpreter, or other reasonable accommodation for a disability, as defined by the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and California Fair Employment and Housing Act, in order to participate in the scoping meeting, please contact the CSLC staff person listed below at least 5 days in advance of the meeting to arrange for such accommodation.
5. Please contact the CSLC staff person listed in this NOP at [Eric.Gillies@slc.ca.gov](mailto:Eric.Gillies@slc.ca.gov) or (916) 574-1897 if you have any questions.

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: June 8, 2021