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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 public scoping meeting (one in person and one hybrid) pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for the project listed below.¹

Project Title: Rincon Phase 2 Decommissioning Project

Proponent: California State Lands Commission

Project Location: Rincon Island and causeway are located approximately 3,000 feet offshore of Punta Gorda in Ventura County, approximately 7 miles northwest of the city of Ventura, California. The Onshore Facility consists of an approximately 6.0-acre parcel owned by the State located 1.3 miles to the east of Rincon Island at 5750 W. Pacific Coast Highway, Ventura (see Figure 1 in the Attachment).

Meeting Information: Thursday, October 20, 2022. Sessions begin at **2 PM** and **6 PM**.

2 PM	6 PM
Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria, CA (In person only)	Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria, CA Via Zoom at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87111485778?pwd=ZFNGT0ljTk1CVFIQc1pINjJJaTgzdz09 or by Phone: 833 548 0282 (Toll Free) then enter Webinar ID: 871 1148 5778 Passcode: 559964

¹ 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).

Notice of Preparation and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

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 content of the environmental analysis, mitigation measures, and alternatives 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 available online at www.slc.ca.gov (under the "Information" tab and "CEQA" link).

Written comments must be received or postmarked by November 4, 2022.²⁼

Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to:

Cynthia Herzog Senior Environmental Scientist California State Lands Commission 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825	Email: CEQA.comments@slc.ca.gov (Subject Line: Rincon Phase 2 Decommissioning Project NOP Comments) Phone: (916) 574-1310
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PROJECT SUMMARY

The proposed Project would include remediation of the Onshore Facility, removal of Rincon Island's remaining surface structures, removal of the Island's well bay concrete deck and contaminated soil, backfill of the Island with clean soil, decommissioning of onshore pipeline connections, and improvement of the State Coastal Conservancy parcel adjacent to the causeway landing (abutment).

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

For those not attending in person, each session of the public scoping meeting will also 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 (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

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

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both sessions will be the same. Two sessions are scheduled for the convenience 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 and write **“Rincon Phase 2 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.
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 cynthia.herzog@slc.ca.gov or (916) 574-1310 if you have any questions.

Signature: 
Cynthia Herzog
Senior Environmental Scientist

Date: October 4, 2022