

Open Session Minutes

California State Lands Commission
Hybrid Meeting of June 5, 2023
City of Goleta Council Chambers
130 Cremona Drive
Goleta, California 93117

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS:

Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor

Malia M. Cohen, State Controller

Gayle Miller, Chief Deputy Director and Alternate for Director of the Department of Finance
Joe Stephenshaw (Participated virtually; not present for Items 87 and 89, 2nd Public Comment Period, and Adjournment of meeting)

STAFF MEMBERS:

Jennifer Lucchesi, Executive Officer

Seth Blackmon, Chief Counsel

REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Andrew Contreiras, Deputy Attorney General

NOTE: The final approved Minutes also include the Agenda and corresponding staff reports (incorporated into the draft Minutes by reference) approved as presented unless otherwise indicated in the Record of Action. A list of individuals making statements before the Commission and the entities they represent, along with the Executive Officer's Report, are included in a complete transcript of the proceedings, which is on file in the Sacramento offices of the Commission and posted on the Commission's website at www.slc.ca.gov. Also included on the website is the voting record of the meeting with the staff report for each agenda item linked to the respective consent, regular or informational item number. A link to a recorded Cal-span.org webcast of the meeting is also available on the Commission's website. All of these items may be found under Previous Meetings, by date of the meeting.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION:

Chair Eleni Kounalakis called the meeting of the California State Lands Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Pier 421 Decommissioning Project Site in the City of Goleta. A quorum of Commissioners was present to celebrate the Piers 421 Last Shorezone Oil Production Piers Removed. Chair Kounalakis was joined by Commissioner Malia Cohen. While a quorum of Commissioners and their staff were present to attend an informational tour, no official action was taken at this part of the meeting. Under California state law, when a quorum of Commissioners is present for purposes related to the Commission's jurisdiction and authority it constitutes an official meeting and it must be properly noticed and open to the public.

The celebration of the Piers 421 Last Shorezone Oil Production Piers Removed concluded at 11:00 a.m. Having concluded this event, and with no official actions to report, Chair Kounalakis recessed the meeting until 11:00 a.m. Chair Kounalakis resumed the meeting at 12:10 p.m. at the City of Goleta Council Chambers, located at 130 Cremona Drive, Goleta, California 93117, via in person and Zoom webcast; also present were Commissioner Malia Cohen. Commissioner Alternate Gayle Miller participated virtually.

(The State Lands Commission adjourned into closed session from 12:14 p.m. to 1:05 p.m., then resumed open session at 1:11 p.m.)

CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report from Closed Session.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the April 7, 2023 meeting were approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Kounalakis-Yes; Cohen-Yes, Miller-Yes).

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Executive Officer Jennifer Lucchesi updated the Commission on the following item:

- The Executive Officer recognized the retirement of Eric Gillies, Assistant Chief of the Division of Environmental Planning and Management. Eric spent three years at Caltrans and 22 years with the State Lands Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Consent Items 21 and 73 were removed from consideration
- Consent Item 87 was moved to the Regular Calendar
- Consent Items 01-07, 09-20, 22-72, and 74-86 were approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Kounalakis–Yes; Cohen–Yes; Miller–Yes)
- Consent Item 08 was approved as presented by a vote of 2-0 (Kounalakis–Abstained; Cohen–Yes; Miller–Yes)

INFORMATIONAL CALENDAR

Item 88: was informational – no vote required.

REGULAR CALENDAR

(Items appear in order heard)

Item 90: A staff presentation was made to the Commission to Consider amendment of Lease Number 9347, a General Lease – Industrial Use, of sovereign land located in and adjacent to the Pacific Ocean, near Avila Beach, San Luis Obispo County; to extend the lease term an additional five years for the existing improvements associated with Diablo Canyon Power Plant and modify the Lease consistent with the provisions of Senate Bill 846 (Dodd, Chapter 239, 2022).

Item 90 – was approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Kounalakis–Yes; Cohen–Yes; Miller–Yes)

Item 89: A staff presentation was made to the Commission for discussion and possible action on state legislation relevant to the California State Lands Commission.

Item 89 – was approved as presented by a vote of 2-0 (Kounalakis–Yes; Cohen–Yes; Miller–not present)

Item 87: A staff presentation was made to the Commission to review a proposed tideland oil revenue expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$7,975,000 by the City of Long Beach for 12 capital improvement projects on and adjacent to legislatively granted sovereign land in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County.

Item 87 – was approved as presented by a vote of 2-0 (Kounalakis–Yes; Cohen–Yes; Miller–not present)

The Commission meeting public session was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

STAFF AND PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING STAFF REPORTS:

INTRODUCTION

- Paula Perotte, Mayor, City of Goleta

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Anna Christensen, Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force
- Marcia Hanscom, Defend Ballona Wetlands
- Chris K.
- Russell Marine
- Robert van de Hoek, Environmental Scientist
- Jane Velez-Mitchell, Unchained TV

CONSENT ITEM 87

Jennifer Lucchesi, Executive Officer, CSLC

- Ann Cantrell, Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force
- Anna Christensen, Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force

ITEM 89

Sheri Pemberton, Chief, External Affairs, CSLC

- Emely Garcia, Legislative Advocate, Natural Resources Defense Center
- Colleen Weiler, Ocean Conservation Policy Analyst, Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Robert van de Hoek, Environmental Scientist

ITEM 90

Drew Simpkin, Public Land Manager, Land Management Division, CSLC

- Andy Caldwell, Executive Director, The Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business
- Ann Cantrell
- Jim Dantona, President and CEO, San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce
- John Geesman, Attorney, Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility
- John Hamon, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Paso Robles
- Marcia Hanscom
- Mark Krausse, Director, Pacific Gas and Electric
- Dawn Ortiz-Legg, District 3 Supervisor, Board of Supervisor, County of San Luis Obispo
- Myla Reson, California Solartopia
- Hunter Stern, Assistant Business Manager, IBEW Local 1245

- Robert van de Hoek, Environmental Scientist