

Open Session Minutes

California State Lands Commission
Hybrid Meeting of August 17, 2023
Tsakopoulos Library Galleria – East Room
828 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS:

Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor

Kristina Kunkel, Deputy State Controller and Alternate for State Controller Malia M. Cohen

Gayle Miller, Chief Deputy Director and Alternate for Director of the Department of Finance Joe Stephenshaw

STAFF MEMBERS:

Jennifer Lucchesi, Executive Officer

Seth Blackmon, Chief Counsel

REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Andrew Vogel, Supervising 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 10:03 a.m. at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, East Room, 828 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814, via in person and Zoom webcast; also present were Commissioner Alternate Kristina Kunkel and Commissioner Alternate Gayle Miller.

(The State Lands Commission adjourned into closed session from 10:09 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., then resumed open session at 11:21 a.m.)

CLOSED SESSION

Item 61 – Pursuant to Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(7), the Commission met in closed session with its real property negotiators regarding a lease amendment or other agreement for the extended use of existing offshore oil and gas pipelines traversing state waters associated with the Santa Ynez Unit in federal waters, offshore Santa Barbara County.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the June 5, 2023 meeting were approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Kounalakis–Yes; Kunkel–Yes, Miller–Yes).

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

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

- **State Budget**

In addition to our baseline budget, we were also appropriated funding for two specific items. The first is the \$3.6 million appropriation from the General Fund with an extended encumbrance period to secure a caretaker to monitor Platform Holly, located offshore Santa Barbara County, while staff develops the EIR for the ultimate decommissioning. The caretaker will monitor, inspect, and respond to any conditions on or around Platform Holly. The second item is a reappropriation of a little over \$1.6 million from the General Fund and a \$2.65 million reimbursement authority for the Selby Slag Phase 1 Project, which is a capital outlay remediation project located in the Carquinez Strait, San Francisco Bay Area.

An additional package of budget and budget related bills following the June budget agreement includes a public resources trailer bill that expresses legislative intent that the Administration assess offshore wind energy permitting and related

resource needs across all applicable state agencies, including the Commission. We expect additional budget related bills to emerge in August or September and we'll provide an update on that at the next meeting.

- **Marine Invasive Species Program**

The Commission's Marine Invasive Species Program, our world-renowned international program, continues to lead the advancement of invasive species prevention science to inform science-based policy at the state, national and global level. Our marine invasive species scientists have been published in three important peer-reviewed research articles. All of those articles are linked in the Executive Officer's Report on the Commission's website.

- **Legacy Well Program**

Staff is currently in the middle of plugging and abandoning two legacy wells offshore Summerland Beach. Staff started earlier this week and are making significant progress with no incidences at the time, and we anticipate that these two wells will be plugged and abandoned by August 15th.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Consent Items 31, 47, and 55 were removed from consideration
- Consent Items 01-30, 32-38, 40-46, 48-54, and 56-60 were approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Kounalakis–Yes; Kunkel–Yes; Miller–Yes)
- Consent Item 39 was approved as presented by a vote of 2-0 (Kounalakis–Abstained; Kunkel–Yes; Miller–Yes)

INFORMATIONAL CALENDAR

Item 61: was informational – no vote required.

REGULAR CALENDAR

Item 62: A staff presentation was made to the Commission for discussion and possible action on state legislation relevant to the California State Lands Commission.

Item 62 – was informational – no vote required

Item 63: A staff presentation was made to the Commission on a draft informational report on shoreline adaptation to climate change, describing the advantages and disadvantages of different shoreline protection strategies in relation to public trust tidelands and uses. The report makes recommendations for Commission staff to consider when reviewing lease applications for shoreline protection.

Item 63 – was informational – no vote required

Item 64: A staff presentation was made to the Commission updating the Commission on staff activities associated with offshore wind energy generation planning, including the release of the Port Readiness Plan and Workforce Development Readiness Plan, which will inform the AB 525 strategic plan for offshore wind energy development.

Item 64 – was informational – no vote required

The Commission meeting public session was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

STAFF AND PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING STAFF REPORTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Luigi Barassi, Crockett Community Services District
- Eileen Boken
- Angela Howe, Senior Legal Director, Surfrider Foundation

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Sheri Pemberton, Chief, External Affairs, CSLC

- No speakers

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Maren Farnum, Senior Environmental Scientist, Division of Environmental Science, Planning, and Management, CSLC

Michael Wells, California Sea Grant Fellow, CSLC

- Awbrey Yost, Statewide Planning Unit Climate Change Analyst, California Coastal Commission
- David Yow, Port of San Diego

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Matt Koller, California Sea Grant Fellow, CSLC

- Rob Holmlund, Development Director, Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District
- Nancy Kirshner, Senior Director for Policy & Outreach, Business Network for Offshore Wind
- Suzanne Plezia, Senior Director/Chief Harbor Engineer, Port of Long Beach