

Open Session Minutes

California State Lands Commission

Special Virtual Meeting of November 20, 2023

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 Stephanshaw

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 10:04 a.m., via the Zoom webcast; also present were Commissioner Malia Cohen and Commissioner Alternate Gayle Miller.

CLOSED SESSION

The Commission met in Closed Session with its real property negotiators regarding entering into 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 and those negotiations will be conducted with ExxonMobil.

INFORMATIONAL CALENDAR

Item 01– was informational, no vote required.

REGULAR CALENDAR

Item 02 – A staff presentation was made to the Commission to consider supporting President Biden's request to include \$310 million in an emergency supplemental bill for essential upgrades and expansion of the federally operated South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant, requesting that Congress expeditiously approve the funding, and address the severe Tijuana River transboundary pollution crisis.

Item 02 – was approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Kounalakis–Yes; Cohen–Yes; Miller–Yes).

The Commission meeting public session was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

STAFF AND PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING STAFF REPORTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Hein Austin
- Scott Karlin
- Jennifer Krestan, Newport Mooring Association
- Erin VandeVen

ITEM 01

- Amanda Bland
- Brady Bradshaw, Senior Oceans Campaigner, Center for Biological Diversity
- Madison Churchill
- Ella Merkle
- Helena Milazzo
- John Reed, Founder, Channel Wind
- Jonathan Ullman

ITEM 02

Katie Robinson-Filipp, Environmental Scientist, Division of Environmental Planning, Science, and Management, CSLC

- Flora Coden
- Phillip Musegaas, Executive Director, San Diego Coastkeeper