

# Open Session Minutes

California State Lands Commission  
Hybrid Meeting of April 4, 2024  
Port of Los Angeles  
Harbor Administration Building  
425 S. Palos Verdes Street  
San Pedro, California 90731

## **COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF PRESENT:**

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### **COMMISSIONERS:**

Malia M. Cohen, State Controller (Kristina Kunkel, Deputy State Controller and Alternate, participated for Introduction and a portion of the first public comment period)

Dr. Matthew Dumlao, Chief of Staff and Alternate for Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis

Michele Perrault, Legislative 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:**

Sahar Durali, 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](http://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:**

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Chair Alternate Kristina Kunkel called the meeting of the California State Lands Commission to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Port of Los Angeles, Harbor Administration Building, 425 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, California 90731, via in person and Zoom webcast; also present were Commissioner Alternate Matthew Dumlao and Commissioner Alternate Michele Perrault.

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

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

- Signal Hill Oil and Gas Company: On March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Santa Barbara County Superior Court found in the State Lands Commission's favor and against Signal Hill Oil and Gas Company operating offshore pipelines, awarding the Commission nearly \$300,000 in damages plus additional costs that will be determined at a future date. The court awarded the Commission damages for its claims of breach of contract and trespass against Signal Hill.
- Platform Holly: The team has started cutting the 30 well conductors that link the platform wellheads to the seabed and will be remediating the shallow portions of the nine wells, which together are the final steps to permanently plug and abandon the platform's wells. We expect to complete this work by the end of this year. Once that's done, there will be no physical, technical possibility of producing oil from that platform or reactivating the platform again. Staff will move into preparing the CEQA process for the decommissioning of the platform and related infrastructure. We anticipate releasing a Notice of Preparation this fall, which will initiate the CEQA process. That will be followed by a Draft Environmental Impact Report for public review and comment, which is expected in 2025.
- Rincon Island: On March 15<sup>th</sup>, Commission staff released the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Rincon Phase II decommissioning project with a 60-day public review and comment period that will end on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This decommissioning project is looking at both the island, the causeway that connects the island to shore, and the onshore facility. This is a major step in this significant

decommissioning project and a milestone that we have been working towards since the operator filed for bankruptcy back in 2017. Commission staff will host two public meeting sessions on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to receive public comments on the draft and then work on the Final Environmental Impact Report to be considered by the Commission at a public meeting. We are anticipating the Commission considering that EIR at its August meeting later this year.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmation of the Minutes of the February 26, 2024 meeting was approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Cohen–Yes; Dumlao–Yes; Perrault–Yes).

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Consent Items 10 and 20 were removed from the agenda.
- Consent Items 01-09, 11-19, and 21-49 were approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Cohen–Yes; Dumlao–Yes; Perrault–Yes).

### **INFORMATIONAL CALENDAR**

Item 50 – was informational, no vote required.

Item 51 – was informational, no vote required.

### **REGULAR CALENDAR**

**Item 52:** A staff presentation was made for discussion and possible action on state legislation relevant to the California State Lands Commission.

Item 52 – was informational, no vote required.

**Item 53:** A staff presentation was made to consider acceptance of the Long Beach Unit Annual Plan (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025), Long Beach Unit, Wilmington Oil Field, Los Angeles County.

Item 53 – the Commission accepted the Long Beach Unit Annual Plan as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Cohen–Yes; Dumlao–Yes; Perrault–Yes).

*(The State Lands Commission adjourned into closed session from 2:03 p.m. to 2:47 p.m., then resumed open session at 2:48 p.m.)*

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Executive Officer reported the following:

Consistent to Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(7), the Commission met in closed session with its real property negotiators regarding two assignment applications, the first addressing the proposed assignment from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corp of four leases that support the Santa Ynez Unit, offshore Santa Barbara County; and the second addressing a proposed assignment from California Resources Corporation to CalNRG of two oil productions leases, offshore Ventura County.

The Commission meeting public session was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

## **STAFF AND PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING STAFF REPORTS:**

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Chris Benzen
- Eileen Boken
- Brady Bradshaw, Center for Biological Diversity
- Cory Briggs
- Marcus Bush, Councilmember, City of National City
- Jesse Flemming
- Barbara Griffith
- Peter Kaz
- Adam Leverenz
- Jacqueline Moore, Vice President, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA)
- Jonathan Ullman, Sierra Club Santa Barbara-Ventura Chapter
- Laura Wilkinson Sinton
- Adam Wilson, San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
- Wade Womack

### **ITEM 52**

Sheri Pemberton, Chief, External Affairs Division, CSLC

- Eileen Boken, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
- Marcus Bush, Councilmember, City of National City
- Luz Molina, Councilmember, City of National City

### **ITEM 53**

Jalal Abedi, Petroleum Resources Engineer, Mineral Resources Management Division, CSLC

- Brady Bradshaw, Center for Biological Diversity
- Ann Cantrell, Co-chair, Los Cerritos Wetlands Taskforce of the Sierra Club Long Beach