

MEETING
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE LANDS COMMISSION

ZOOM PLATFORM

CITY OF GOLETA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
130 CREMONA DRIVE
GOLETA, CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
1021 O STREET, SUITE 3110
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024
12:04 P.M.

JAMES F. PETERS, CSR
CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER
LICENSE NUMBER 10063

APPEARANCES

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Malia Cohen, State Controller, Chair

Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor

Joe Stephenshaw, Director, Department of Finance,
represented by Michele Perrault

STAFF:

Jennifer Lucchesi, Executive Officer

Seth Blackmon, Chief Counsel

Nicole Dobroski, Chief, Division of Environmental Science,
Planning, and Management

Joseph Fabel, Senior Attorney

Michelle Pelka, Public Land Manager

Yessica Ramirez, Environmental Justice and Tribal Liaison

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Sahar Durali, Deputy Attorney General

ALSO PRESENT:

Nancy Avoce, Santa Barbara County Action Network

Eileen Boken, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods

Luigi Barassi

Brady Bradshaw, Center for Biological Diversity

Judy Burch

APPEARANCES CONTINUED

ALSO PRESENT:

Paul Burke, Ventura County National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People

Samuel Cohen, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Katie Davis, Sierra Club

Jeremy Frankel, Environmental Defense Center

Gabriel Frausto, Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation

Carla Frisk, Get Oil Out!

Susan Harvey, Santa Lucia Chapter, Sierra Club

Lee Heller

Linda Krop, Environmental Defense Center

Francene McClintock

Lorelei Moosbrugger, League of Women Voters

Dr. Linda Phillips

Deane Plaister

Luz Reyes-Martín, City of Goleta, Mayor Pro Tem

Janet Rodgers, Embarcadero Coalition of San Diego

Faith Rodriguez, Wishtoyo Foundation

Tevin Schmitt, Wishtoyo Foundation, Ventura Coastkeeper

Geordie Scully, representing Senator Limon

Izzi Sistek, University of California, Santa Barbara
Environmental Affairs Board

Ryan Smith, Environmental Defense Center

Mariza Sullivan

APPEARANCES CONTINUED

ALSO PRESENT:

Molly Troup, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper

Jonathan Ullman, Santa Barbara-Ventura Chapter, Sierra
Club

Mati Waiya, Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation

Bill Woodbridge

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Public comments will be heard for items not on the agenda, for no more than 30 minutes. At the discretion of the Chair, speakers will be given up to 3 minutes. For those unable to attend the early public comment period, there may be additional comment time available later in the day. Note: Comments made during the general public comment period regarding matters pending before the Commission do not become part of the official record for those matters.

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The Executive Officer took the following Delegation of Authority Actions pursuant to the Commission's Delegation of Authority:

- BASSETTS TAHOE TOMATO LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 2710 West Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City, Placer County; for one existing mooring buoy. (Lease 7557)

- ROGER J. BUFFINGTON AND DEBORA L. BUFFINGTON (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in the Main Channel of Huntington Harbour, adjacent to 16892 Coral Cay Lane, Huntington Beach, Orange County; for an existing boat dock, access ramp, and cantilevered deck. (Lease 9144)

- LARRY FRANK GORHAM AND LINDA JEAN GORHAM, AS TRUSTEES OF THE LARRY F. GORHAM AND LINDA J. GORHAM REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST, DATED JANUARY 25, 1994 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease -

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- Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to 13840 State Highway 160, Walnut Grove, Sacramento County; for an existing boat dock and appurtenant facilities. (Lease 8561)
- NIKHIL KASINADHUNI AND MADHURA KASINADHUNI (LESSEE/ASSIGNOR); NIKHIL KASINADHUNI AND MADHURA KASINADHUNI, AS TRUSTEES OF THE KASINADHUNI FAMILY TRUST DATED JULY 14, 2023 (APPLICANT/ASSIGNEE): Consider assignment of Lease 5134, a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 3107 Jameson Beach Road, near South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County; for an existing pier and two mooring buoys. (Lease 5134)
 - THE MARCHINI FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 5618 North Lake Boulevard, near Carnelian Bay, Placer County; for an existing pier, boathouse, sundeck with stairs, boat lift, gantry with a boat hoist, and two mooring buoys. (Lease 4956)
 - CHRISTOPHER B. MCCLUNEY, TRUSTEE OF THE CHRISTOPHER B. MCCLUNEY TRUST 1991 U/T/A DATED OCTOBER 17, 1991 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Corte Madera Creek, adjacent to 25 Boardwalk One, Larkspur, Marin County; for an existing boat dock and appurtenant facilities. (Lease 7803)
 - LAUREN VOGT (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in the Petaluma River, adjacent to 55 Havenwood Road, near Novato, Marin County; for an existing boat dock and appurtenant facilities. (Lease 3582)

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- PATRICK J. WALTZ AND LINDA J. WALTZ, TRUSTEES OF THE PATRICK AND LINDA WALTZ 2013 REVOCABLE TRUST (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Sacramento River, adjacent to 6991 Garden Highway, near Sacramento, Sacramento County; for an existing boat dock and appurtenant facilities. (Lease 8518)

- KENNETH D. WOLDER AND LESLIE A. WOLDER, TRUSTEES OF THE WOLDER FAMILY TRUST DATED 09/18/1991 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Huntington Harbour, adjacent to 16752 Coral Cay Lane, Huntington Beach, Orange County; for a boat dock, access ramp, and cantilevered deck. (Lease 5745)

Continuation of Rent Actions to be taken by the Executive Officer pursuant to the Commission's Delegation of Authority:

- No items for this section.

Tomales Bay Assignment Actions to be taken by the Executive Officer pursuant to the Commission's Delegation of Authority:

- No items for this section.

V Consent Calendar 01-68

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The following items are considered to be noncontroversial and are subject to change at any time up to the date of the meeting. Land Management

Northern Region

- 01 KELLEN AURA AND ERIN AURA, CO-TRUSTEES OF THE AURA LIVING TRUST DATED JULY 7, 2000 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 8648 Brockway Vista

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- Avenue, near Kings Beach, Placer County; for two existing mooring buoys. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (A3773; RA# 2022066) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. Haflich)
- 02 BANKSIA INVESTORS, LLC (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 8353 Meeks Bay Avenue, near Meeks Bay, El Dorado County; for a pier, boat hoist, and one mooring buoy. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 8682; A4003; RA# 2023003) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. Sapunor)
- 03 MICHAEL C. BUCKLEY AND CAROLINE A. BUCKLEY, TRUSTEES OF THE BUCKLEY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2010; AND 5900 NORTH LAKE BOULEVARD, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 5900 and 5920 North Lake Boulevard, Carnelian Bay, Placer County; for an existing joint-use pier and four mooring buoys previously authorized by the Commission and one existing mooring buoy not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 4970; A4431; RA# 2023169) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. Pelka)
- 04 CASCADE TAHOE LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; AND CHRISTINA L. CRANMER AND DAWN M. PERCHETTI, TRUSTEES OF THE LOVE TRUST, DATED JANUARY 13, 2020 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 2197 and 2201 Cascade Road, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County; for an existing joint-use pier, two boat lifts, and four mooring buoys. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 4282; A4543; RA# 2023230) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. McGough)
- 05 ELEANOR HEWLETT GIMON AND SALLY M. HEWLETT, TRUSTEES OF THE HEWLETT FAMILY TRUST OF JANUARY 1, 1992 (APPLICANT): Consider issuance of a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign

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- land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 2040 and 2050 West Lake Boulevard, near Tahoe City, Placer County; for an existing rock crib pier, breakwater, and one mooring buoy. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 4854; A4124; RA# 2022339) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. McGough)
- 06 HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT (LESSEE/SUBLESSOR); NORDIC AQUAFARMS CALIFORNIA, LLC (SUBLESSEE): Consider endorsement of a sublease under Lease Number PRC 3186, a General Lease - Right-of-Way Use, of sovereign land located in the Pacific Ocean, near Samoa, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Number 401-111-006, Humboldt County; for an existing outfall pipeline. CEQA Consideration: Environmental Impact Report, certified by Humboldt County, State Clearinghouse No. 2021040532. (PRC 3186; A3254; RA# 2021069) (A 2; S 2) (Staff: M. Schroeder)
- 07 HUMBOLDT REDWOOD COMPANY, LLC (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Right-of-Way Use, of sovereign land located in the Eel River, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Numbers 205-061-004 and 205-341-019, near Scotia, Humboldt County; for an existing seasonal bridge. CEQA Consideration: Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum, adopted by Humboldt County, State Clearinghouse No. 96042012. (Lease 9095; A4298; RA# 2023135) (A 2; S 2) (Staff: L. Anderson)
- 08 ROBERT A. HYER AND SONOMA HYER (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to 16510 County Road 117, near West Sacramento, Yolo County; for a boat dock and appurtenant facilities. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 8460; A4553; RA# 2023239) (A 4; S 3) (Staff: M. Harless)
- 09 CARL JORDAN (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign

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- land located in the Petaluma River, adjacent to 5638 Lakeville Highway, Lakeville, Sonoma County; for an existing pier with covered berth. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 5693; A4452; RA# 2023188) (A 12; S 3, 2) (Staff: M. Harless)
- 10 LOWELL W. LASH AND TERRY L. LASH, TRUSTEES OF THE LASH FAMILY TRUST DATED JANUARY 16, 2007 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 1740 North Lake Boulevard, near Tahoe City, Placer County; for construction and use of a pier and boat lift; removal of one buoy; and continued use of a freshwater intake pipeline and one buoy. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemptions. (Lease 8515; A4474; RA# 2023186) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. Haflich)
- 11 JOHN B. LOVEWELL AND CYNTHIA B. LOVEWELL, AS TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN B. LOVEWELL AND CYNTHIA B. LOVEWELL TRUST, DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 1990 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 1406 West Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City, Placer County; for one existing mooring buoy. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 8332; A3510; RA# 2021303) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. Haflich)
- 12 SF PACIFIC, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LESSEE); MH TAHOE RESIDENCE LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (APPLICANT): Consider acceptance of a quitclaim deed and issuance of a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 9898 Lake Street, near Kings Beach, Placer County; for installation and use of one mooring buoy; and use of an existing pier and dock. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemptions. (Lease 4856; A4459; RA# 2023191) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. Haflich)
- 13 LAWRENCE MONSON, TRUSTEE OF THE ATKINSON 2009 FAMILY RESIDENCE TRUST DATED AUGUST 31, 2009

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- (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 4870 North Lake Boulevard, near Carnelian Bay, Placer County; for an existing pier, boathouse with upstairs storage, and three boat lifts previously authorized by the Commission and an existing mooring buoy not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 4142; A4114; RA# 2022328) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. Harless)
- 14 NANCY E. PROANO, AS TRUSTEE OF THE PROANO FAMILY TRUST OF 5/2/96, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED ON 10/14/11; SCOTT A. JAMAR, AS TRUSTEE OF THE SCOTT A. JAMAR 2022 SEPARATE PROPERTY TRUST DATED 12/13/2022; AND KATHLEEN DIANE AYRE (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 3061 Jameson Beach Road, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County; for an existing pier and one mooring buoy. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 3881; A4499; RA# 2023244) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. McGough)
- 15 ROCKK PROPERTIES, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Other, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to 1555 South River Road, near West Sacramento, Yolo County; for an existing dock, pier, and appurtenant facilities. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 3773; A3594; RA# 2021361) (A 4; S 3) (Staff: J. Holt)
- 16 SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY (LESSEE): Consider revision of rent, insurance, and bond to Lease Number PRC 7902, a General Lease - Right-of-Way Use, of sovereign land located in Pit River, near Alturas, Modoc County; for an overhead electrical power transmission line. CEQA Consideration: not a project. (PRC 7902) (A1; S1) (Staff: V. Caldwell)

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- 17 KIRSTEN TOWNE SMITH, TRUSTEE OF THE KIRSTEN SMITH REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JUNE 9, 2017; AND EDWARD MARK SMITH, TRUSTEE OF THE EDWARD MARK SMITH SEPARATE PROPERTY TRUST DATED AUGUST 5, 2013 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 4136 Ferguson Avenue, Carnelian Bay, Placer County; for two existing mooring buoys. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 8335; A4670; RA# 2023317) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. Pelka)
- 18 ALVIN SOCKOLOV AND ELLEN W. SOCKOLOV, TRUSTEES OF THE ALVIN AND ELLEN SOCKOLOV TRUST, DATED JULY 8, 2008 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 3750 North Lake Boulevard, near Carnelian Bay, Placer County; for two existing mooring buoys. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 8209; A3329; RA# 2021177) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. Haflich)
- 19 ANDREW SWEET, EDWARD SWEET AND SHELLEY SWEET, AS TRUSTEES OF THE 1999 SWEET FAMILY RESIDENCE TRUST; KEVIN DIEDE AND JULIE DIEDE; AND JOY NEOMI VENOSA, SURVIVING TRUSTEE OF THE JOSEPH VENOSA AND JOY NEOMI VENOSA REVOCABLE TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1996 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 8676 and 8678 Brockway Vista Avenue, Kings Beach, Placer County; for an existing joint-use pier, two boat lifts, and two mooring buoys. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 5022; A4563; RA# 2023251) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. Pelka)
- 20 TAHOE MEADOWS, A CORPORATION, DBA TAHOE MEADOWS ASSOCIATION (APPLICANT): Consider rescission of previous authorization of a General Lease - Recreational Use and application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 3737 through 4009 Beach Road, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County; for the use of 39 existing mooring buoys,

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- an enclosed seasonal swim area, and a seasonal swim float previously authorized by the Commission; five existing mooring buoys not previously authorized by the Commission; installation of two mooring buoys; and removal of nine unauthorized remnant mooring anchor blocks. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemptions. (Lease 4268; A4567; RA# 2023247) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. McGough)
- 21 ROBERT L. VAN BLOIS AND VICKIE G. VAN BLOIS, TRUSTEES OF THE 2016 AMENDED AND RESTATED VAN BLOIS FAMILY TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 644 Olympic Drive, Tahoe City, Placer County; for two existing mooring buoys. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 8309; A4638; RA# 2023293) (A 1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. McGough)
- 22 ROBERT WAGNER, TRUSTEE AND MELISSA WAGNER, TRUSTEE OF THE WAGNER FAMILY TRUST DATED MAY 22, 1990; AND SHELDRA J. PERRY, TRUSTEE OF THE SHELDRA J. PERRY TAHOE RESIDENCE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 27, 2012; AND SHELDRA JOY PERRY, TRUSTEE OF THE SHELDRA JOY PERRY FAMILY TRUST DATED OCTOBER 19, 2016 (LESSEE); ALLISON WAGNER CARLSON, AS TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FBO ALLISON WAGNER CARLSON UNDER THE MELISSA WAGNER 2018 QUALIFIED PERSONAL RESIDENCE TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 26, 2018; AND ALLISON WAGNER CARLSON, AS TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FBO ALLISON WAGNER CARLSON UNDER THE ROBERT W. WAGNER 2018 QUALIFIED PERSONAL RESIDENCE TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 26, 2018; AND SHELDRA JOY PERRY, TRUSTEE OF THE SHELDRA JOY PERRY FAMILY TRUST DATED OCTOBER 19, 2016 (APPLICANT): Consider acceptance of a lease quitclaim deed for Lease 7930 and Lease 8381 and issuance of a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 1920 and 1950 West Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City, Placer County; for construction and use of a new joint-use pier; installation of two boat lifts, two catwalks, and use of two existing mooring buoys; and removal of two existing mooring buoys.

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CEQA Consideration: categorical exemptions.
(Lease 7930; Lease 8381; A4495; RA# 2023205) (A
1; S 1, 4) (Staff: M. Pelka)

Bay/Delta Region

- 23 1307 WEST CLIFF HOLDINGS LLC (APPLICANT):
Consider application for a General Lease -
Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land
located in the Pacific Ocean, adjacent to 1307
West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County;
for existing rock riprap and removal of existing
rock riprap. CEQA Consideration: categorical
exemption. (A2689; RA# 2020039) (A 28; S 17)
(Staff: J. Plovnick)
- 24 23240 HIGHWAY 1, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANY (APPLICANT): Consider
application for a General Lease - Other, of
sovereign land located in Tomales Bay, adjacent
to 23240 Highway 1, near Marshall, Marin County;
for an existing pier and appurtenant facilities;
and installation of a gas line. CEQA
Consideration: categorical exemptions. (Lease
9096; A4433; RA# 2023157) (A 12; S 2) (Staff: M.
Haflich)
- 25 DENICE A. DERICCO AND GAIL B. DERICCO, TRUSTEES
OF THE DERICCO FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST (LESSEE);
DAVID ALEXANDER CATTANACH AND MARCELLA JEAN
MOJIBI (APPLICANT): Consider termination of Lease
Number 5126, a General Lease - Recreational and
Protective Structure Use, waiver of rent,
penalty, and interest; void Invoice Number 58183;
and application for a General Lease -
Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of
sovereign land located in the Sacramento River,
adjacent to 4075 Garden Highway, near Sacramento,
Sacramento County; for an existing covered boat
dock, appurtenant facilities, and bank
protection. CEQA Consideration: categorical
exemption. (Lease 5126; A4414; RA# 2023179) (A 6;
S 8) (Staff: L. Ward)
- 26 COLIN BOONE ARNOLD AND VICTORIA LYNN ARNOLD,
TRUSTEES OF THE ARNOLD FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST,

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- DATED AUGUST 23, 1994 (APPLICANT): Consider issuance of a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to 2915 Garden Highway, near Sacramento, Sacramento County; for a boat dock, gangway, two steel pilings, debris deflector, and bank protection. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 6064; A4183; RA# 2022356) (A 6; S 8) (Staff: M. Harless)
- 27 REGINALD G. BOONE JR., LEI WEY SUN, ROBERT FREY, AND MALIA FREY (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Other, of sovereign land located in the Shag Slough, adjacent to Solano County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 0042-210-060, and in Cache Slough, adjacent to APN 0042-160-160, near Rio Vista, Solano County; for four existing recreational dock facilities, a portion of a residence and deck in Shag Slough; and four boat sheds and appurtenant facilities in Cache Slough. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 6362; A4172; RA# 2023054) (A 11; S 3) (Staff: M. Harless)
- 28 CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION (PARTY): Consider approval of the 2024 Category 2 Sandy Beach benchmark rental rate for sovereign land in Mare Island Strait adjacent to Sandy Beach Road, Solano County. CEQA Consideration: not a project. (W27275) (A 11; S 3) (Staff: C. Wong)
- 29 CARQUINEZ REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER, INC. (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Agricultural Use, of filled sovereign tidelands located along the Carquinez Strait, at 1694 Dowrelia Drive, Crockett, Contra Costa County; for an existing horticulture center and appurtenant facilities previously authorized by the Commission and an access road not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 7956; RA# 2022254) (A 15; S 3) (Staff: K. Connor)
- 30 CITY OF SACRAMENTO (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Dredging, of

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- sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Number 009-0020-003, at the entrance to the Sacramento Marina in Miller Park and at the Miller Park Boat Ramp, Sacramento, Sacramento County; for periodic dredging. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 7775; A4221; RA# 2023112) (A 6; S 8) (Staff: L. Anderson)
- 31 CITY OF STOCKTON (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Public Agency Use, of sovereign land located in Fourteen Mile Slough, near Stockton, San Joaquin County; for an existing bridge. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 7614; A3336; RA# 2021116) (A 13; S 5) (Staff: L. Ward)
- 32 COMCAST OF CALIFORNIA XII, LLC (LESSEE): Consider revision of rent to Lease Number PRC 9163, a General Lease - Right- of-Way Use, of sovereign land located in the Tuolumne River, at the Carpenter Road Bridge, Modesto, Stanislaus County; for a fiber optic communication cable contained in a conduit. CEQA Consideration: not a project. (PRC 9163) (A 22; S 4) (Staff: V. Caldwell)
- 33 GINA L. COOPER, TRUSTEE OF THE GINA L. COOPER TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 23, 2021 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located on the Sacramento River, adjacent to 17440 Grand Island Road, near Walnut Grove, Sacramento County; for an existing boat dock, appurtenant facilities, and bank protection. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 5128; A4539; RA# 2023224) (A 9; S 3) (Staff: M. Harless)
- 34 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Public Agency Use, of sovereign land located in the American River, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Numbers 244-0303-003 and 056-0023-013, west of Sunrise Boulevard Bridge, Sacramento, Sacramento County; for an existing pedestrian bridge. CEQA

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- Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 3342; A4577; RA# 2023252) (A 1, 6; S 7) (Staff: L. Ward)
- 35 LIZ GRAHAM AND GREG GRAHAM (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in the Petaluma River, adjacent to 104 Harbor Drive, Novato, Marin County; for an existing boathouse, two boat docks, and appurtenant facilities. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 3540; A4552; RA# 2023250) (A 12; S 2) (Staff: M. Haflich)
- 36 KEVIN K. KNIGHT AND ROXANNE D. KNIGHT (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to 3947 Garden Highway, near Sacramento, Sacramento County; for an existing boat dock and appurtenant facilities. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 8565; A4505; RA# 2023208) (A 6; S 8) (Staff: M. Harless)
- 37 WILLIAM DENNIS LEWALLEN AND APRIL JOANNE LEWALLEN, CO-TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN AND DIANA LEWALLEN IRREVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 18, 1998, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED MAY 7, 2018 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located on the Sacramento River, adjacent to 13800 River Road, near Walnut Grove, Sacramento County; for an existing boat dock and appurtenant facilities. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 6036; A4206; RA# 2022379) (A 9; S 3) (Staff: M. Harless)
- 38 PETER VINCENT MCNALLY (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use of sovereign land located in the Georgiana Slough, adjacent to 421 West Willow Tree Lane, near Isleton, Sacramento County; for an existing boat dock, appurtenant facilities, and bank protection. CEQA

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- Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 7737; A4020; RA# 2022266) (A 9; S 3) (Staff: L. Ward)
- 39 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Right-of-Way Use, of sovereign land in Burns Cutoff, between Roberts Island and Rough and Ready Island, near Stockton, San Joaquin County; for an existing natural gas pipeline. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 8416; A3904; RA# 2022174) (A 13; S 5) (Staff: M. Schroeder)
- 40 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Right-of-Way Use, of sovereign land in the Sacramento River, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Numbers 146-0430-005, 142-0200-007 and -009, near Walnut Grove, Sacramento County; for the relocation and use of an existing overhead electric transmission line not previously authorized by the Commission. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (A3250; RA# 2021051) (A 9; S 3) (Staff: M. Schroeder)
- 41 BRIAN PERRY (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to 1977 Garden Highway, Sacramento, Sacramento County; for an existing boat dock, appurtenant facilities, and bank protection. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 5344; A3557; RA# 2021274) (A 6; S 8) (Staff: M. Waldo)
- 42 RAMSEY REAL ESTATE AND DEVELOPMENT CORP (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to 1635 Garden Highway, Sacramento, Sacramento County; for an existing covered boat dock, appurtenant facilities, and bank protection. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 6524; A4345; RA# 2023089) (A 6; S 8) (Staff: M. Sapunor)

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- 43 RN OPAL LLC (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Pacific Ocean, adjacent to 4460 Opal Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County; for existing rock riprap. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 9050; A3893; RA# 2022156) (A 30; S 17) (Staff: J. Plovnick)
- 44 LEO H. SCHUERING JR. AND EILEEN S. SCHUERING, AS TRUSTEES OF THE SCHUERING FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 30, 1994 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to 4475 Garden Highway, Sacramento, Sacramento County; for a boat dock and appurtenant facilities, and bank protection. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 6988; A4115; RA# 2022305) (A 6; S 8) (Staff: M. Waldo)
- 45 KENNETH ERIK SORENSEN AND MARY ELIZABETH SORENSEN, TRUSTEES OF THE SORENSEN FAMILY 2000 REVOCABLE TRUST DATED APRIL 18, 2000 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to 17444 Grand Island Road, near Walnut Grove, Sacramento County; for an existing boat dock, appurtenant facilities, and bank protection. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 7213; A4569; RA# 2023248) (A 9; S 3) (Staff: M. Waldo)
- 46 SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Dredging, of sovereign land in the bed of Suisun Marsh, Solano County; for maintenance dredging. CEQA Consideration: Environmental Impact Report/Statement, certified by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Clearinghouse No. 2003112039. (Lease 9117; A4068; RA# 2022367) (A 11; S 3) (Staff: J. Holt)
- 47 NHAN PHAN THIEN AND KIM THOA DUONG, AS CO-TRUSTEES OF THE THIEN-DUONG TRUST AGREEMENT

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- DATED 10/8/2007 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to 2345 Garden Highway, near Sacramento, Sacramento County; for an existing boat dock, appurtenant facilities, one unattached piling, and bank protection. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 6340; A4123; RA# 2022329) (A 6; S 8) (Staff: L. Ward)
- 48 ANTHONY HOWARD GOOD, TRUSTEE OF THE ANTHONY HOWARD GOOD 1999 REVOCABLE TRUST; AND MARIA HELENA DEL LLANO GOOD, TRUSTEE OF THE MARIA HELENA DEL LLANO GOOD 1999 REVOCABLE TRUST (LESSEE); MICHAEL I. THOMPSON (APPLICANT): Consider termination of a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use and application for a General Lease - Other, of sovereign land located in Corte Madera Creek, adjacent to 23 Boardwalk One, Larkspur, Marin County; for an existing portion of residence, deck, dock, appurtenant facilities, and retaining wall. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 9478; A4246; RA# 2023056) (A 12; S 2) (Staff: D. Romero)
- 49 TOWER GARDEN HIGHWAY, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, adjacent to 1331 Garden Highway, Sacramento, Sacramento County; for existing bank protection. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (A3579; RA# 2021291) (A 6; S 8) (Staff: L. Ward)
- 50 WEBER FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST, DBA DUCK ISLAND RV PARK AND FISHING RESORT (LESSEE): Consider a revision of rent to Lease Number PRC 7968, a General Lease - Commercial and Protective Structure Use, of filled sovereign land located in the Sacramento River, near Rio Vista, Sacramento County; for fill, six fishing platforms, two concrete pads, a portion of deck and patio and bank protection. CEQA

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Consideration: not a project. (PRC 7968) (A 11; S 3) (Staff: V. Caldwell)

Central/Southern Region

- 51 JESSE A. BERBER AND ELIZABETH A. BERBER, AS TRUSTEES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, OF THE JESSE A. BERBER AND ELIZABETH A. BERBER FAMILY TRUST DATED JULY 6, 2001 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Colorado River, adjacent to 1138 Beach Drive, Needles, San Bernardino County; for an existing boat dock, gangway, two planter areas with rock retaining walls and electrical appurtenances, two concrete stairways with rock walls, concrete patio area, sundeck, and riprap bankline. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 9282; A4592; RA# 2023265) (A 36; S 18) (Staff: D. Romero)
- 52 JOHN D. CUMMING, TRUSTEE OF THE JOHN D. CUMMING REVOCABLE TRUST (LESSEE); BRIGHAM RICHARD BLACK AND MELISSA KAY BLACK (APPLICANT): Consider acceptance of a Quitclaim Deed for Lease 8661, a General Lease - Protective Structure Use, and issuance of a General Lease - Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Pacific Ocean, adjacent to 371 Pacific Avenue, Solana Beach, San Diego County; for an existing seawall. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 8661; A4585; RA# 2023256) (A 77; S 38, 39) (Staff: J. Plovnick)
- 53 CITY OF BLYTHE (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Public Agency Use, of sovereign land located in the Colorado River, adjacent to 250 South Colorado River Road, Blythe, Riverside County; for an existing boat launch. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 9127; A4194; RA# 2023164) (A 36; S 18) (Staff: J. Plovnick)
- 54 BAYLESS AND JANET CONLEY, TRUSTEES, OR THEIR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, OF THE BAYLESS AND JANET CONLEY FAMILY TRUST DATED AUGUST 10, 2022, AND

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- ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in Huntington Harbour, adjacent to 3452 Gilbert Drive, Huntington Beach, Orange County; for an existing boat dock and access ramp. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 3251; A4476; RA# 2023190) (A 72; S 36) (Staff: M. Sapunor)
- 55 RON DEQUILLETES AND DEBRA DEQUILLETES (LESSEE); ERIK J. GAMM AND VALARIE S. GAMM, AS TRUSTEES OF THE GAMM REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2018 (APPLICANT): Consider termination of Lease Number 9498, a General Lease Recreational and Protective Structure Use; and an application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Colorado River, adjacent to 1236 Beach Drive, Needles, San Bernardino County; for an existing boat dock, walkway, gangway, concrete and rock stairway, raised beach area with rock retaining wall and shade umbrella, water pipeline, and riprap bankline. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 9498; A4249; RA# 2023023) (A 36; S 18) (Staff: D. Romero)
- 56 MARC REID LARSON (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational and Protective Structure Use, of sovereign land located in the Colorado River, adjacent to 1178 Beach Drive, Needles, San Bernardino County; for an existing boat dock, gangway, floating walkway, two stairways with railings, two sundecks, shower, and riprap bankline. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 9086; A4540; RA# 2023225) (A 36; S 18) (Staff: D. Romero)
- 57 RUSSELL H. LEPPER AND MARSHA LEPPER, CO-TRUSTEES OF THE LEPPER FAMILY TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 16, 1990 (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Recreational Use, of sovereign land located in the Main Channel of Huntington Harbour, adjacent to 16622 Somerset Lane, Huntington Beach, Orange County; for an existing boat dock, access ramp, and cantilevered deck.

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CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 3172; A4604; RA# 2023282) (A 72; S 36) (Staff: M. Pelka)

- 58 LEUCADIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Lease - Public Agency Use, of sovereign land located adjacent to Baticuitos Lagoon, Carlsbad, San Diego County; for an existing access road and truck turnaround; and an existing wastewater pump station ground motor control center, underground valve vault, and a portion of an emergency bypass connection. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 8053; A4381; RA# 2023123) (A 77; S 38) (Staff: J. Plovnick)

School Lands

- 59 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (LESSEE): Consider a revision of rent to Lease Number PRC 2679, a General Lease - Right-of-Way Use, of indemnity school land located in portions of Township 4 North, Range 2 East; Township 4 North, Range 3 East; and Township 3 North, Range 3 East, SBM, San Bernardino County; for a 33 kilovolt overhead electrical distribution line. CEQA Consideration: not a project. (PRC 2679) (A 34; S 12) (Staff: V. Caldwell)
- 60 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (LESSEE): Consider a continuation of rent and a revision of bond to Lease Number PRC 8836, a General Lease - Right-of-Way Use, of school land located in portions of Section 16, Township 5 North, Range 15 East and Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 12 East, SBM, near Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino County; for an underground natural gas pipeline, two block valves, and one cathodic protection rectifier. CEQA Consideration: not a project. (PRC 8836) (A 34; S 12) (Staff: V. Caldwell)
- 61 TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (APPLICANT): Consider issuance of an Access Agreement for State-owned school lands located within Section 8, Township 33 North, Range 9

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- West, MDM, east of Weaverville, Trinity County;
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Consideration: categorical exemptions. (W27268)
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- 62 WINDLAND, INC. (LESSEE): Consider revision of
rent to Lease Number PRC 8110, a General Lease -
Right-of-Way Use, of school land located in a
portion of Section 18, Township 11 North, Range
13 West, SBM, near Mojave, Kern County; for a
graded dirt access road and drainage culvert.
CEQA Consideration: not a project. (PRC 8110) (A
34; S 12) (Staff: V. Caldwell)
- Administration
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- External Affairs
- Granted Lands
- No items for this section.
- Kapiloff Land Bank Trust Acquisition/Expenditure
- No items for this section.
- Legal
- 63 CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION (PARTY):
Consider taking title to and authorizing the
removal and disposal of an unnamed abandoned
wooden tugboat on sovereign lands in White
Slough, adjacent to King Island, San Joaquin
County. CEQA Consideration: categorical
exemptions. (W27250) (A 9; S 5) (Staff: A.
Kershen, V. Caldwell, J. Bryant)
- 64 CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION (PARTY):
Consider taking title to and authorizing the
removal and disposal of an unnamed abandoned and
sunk steel barge on private submerged lands in
Little Potato Slough, between Little Venice
Island and Empire Tract, San Joaquin County. CEQA
Consideration: categorical exemptions. (W27250)

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(A 9, 13; S 5) (Staff: A. Kershen, V. Caldwell, J. Bryant)

- 65 CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION; BARGE WORLD, INC.; SEAN FAUL (PARTIES): Consider taking title to and authorizing the removal and disposal of an unnamed floating barge on sovereign lands in the San Joaquin River, adjacent to Mandeville Tip County Park, San Joaquin County. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemptions. (W27250) (A 9; S 5) (Staff: A. Kershen, V. Caldwell, J. Bryant)
- 66 CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION; WES ANDERSON ENGINEERING - RIVERSIDE CONSTRUCTION, INC.; DAVE THEIS; WINDMILL COVE RESORT & MARINA LLC (PARTIES): Consider taking title to and authorizing the removal and disposal of an unnamed dredger on sovereign land in the San Joaquin River, near Windmill Cove Marina, San Joaquin County. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemptions. (W27250) (A 13; S 5) (Staff: A. Kershen, V. Caldwell, J. Bryant)

Marine Environmental Protection

- No items for this section.

Mineral Resources Management

- 67 GEYSERS POWER COMPANY, LLC (APPLICANT): Consider application for a State Geothermal Resources Lease, non-surface use, covering 241.3 acres of State fee-owned school land (also known as lieu land), Assessor's Parcel Numbers 117-140-002, 117-140-003, 117-140-004, 117-140-005, and 117-200-009, located within the Geyser's geothermal field, Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, and 10, Township 11 North, Range 9 West, Mount Diablo Baseline & Meridian, near Sulphur Creek, Sonoma County. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (Lease 6422; A4576; RA# 2023260) (A 2; S 2) (Staff: R. Lee)
- 68 PORT OF LONG BEACH (APPLICANT): Consider application for a General Offshore Geologic

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Permit to conduct geological surveys on granted and ungranted tide and submerged lands off Long Beach and Seal Beach in Los Angeles and Orange counties, from the mean high tide line to 3 miles offshore. CEQA Consideration: categorical exemption. (A4622; RA# 2023326) (A 69, 72; S 33, 36) (Staff: T. Monsef)

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69 CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION: Informational update and possible action on state legislation relevant to the California State Lands Commission. CEQA Consideration: not applicable. (A & S: Statewide) (Staff: S. Pemberton)

70 NOTICE OF CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR: ?Instructions to staff negotiators in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(7), regarding applications for assignment of four leases governing the use of existing offshore oil and gas pipelines traversing state waters associated with the Santa Ynez Unit in federal waters, the Ellwood Pier, and two mooring buoys, offshore Santa Barbara County. Negotiating Parties: State Lands Commission, ExxonMobil, and Sable Offshore Corp. Under negotiation: price and terms. CEQA Consideration: not a project. (Lease Nos. PRC 4977, PRC 7163, PRC 5515, and PRC 6371) (A 37; S 19) (Staff: J. Lucchesi)

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71 CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION: Consider certification of a Final Environmental Impact Report, State Clearinghouse No. 2022100043; adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring Program and Statement of Findings; and authorization to proceed with the Rincon Island, Onshore Facility (Option 2), and Onshore Pipeline Connections components of the Rincon Phase 2 Decommissioning Project, Ventura County. (W30134) (A 37; S 19) (Staff: C. Herzog; M. Wiemer)

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73	CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT (PARTIES): Consider delegating authority to the Executive Officer or designee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the California State Lands Commission and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to coordinate offshore oil and gas pipeline inspections, establish inspection standards, frequency, and exceptions if required, and share information to promote effective, efficient oversight without duplicative contradictory regulatory requirements. CEQA Consideration: not a project. (A & S: Statewide) (Staff: W. Scott, J. Fabel)	113
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consider the matters listed below pursuant to Government Code section 11126, part of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

A. Litigation

The Commission may consider pending and possible litigation pursuant to the confidentiality of attorney-client communications and privileges provided under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e).

1. The Commission may consider pending and possible matters that fall under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(A), concerning adjudicatory proceedings before a court, an administrative body exercising its adjudicatory authority, a hearing officer, or an arbitrator, to which the Commission is a party. Such matters currently include the following:

- California State Lands Commission v. Signal Hill Service, Inc.; Pacific Operators, Inc., dba Pacific Operators Offshore, Inc.; DOES 1-100
- California State Lands Commission, et al. v. Martins Beach 1 LLC, et al.
- Candlestick Heights Community Alliance v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.
- Casa Blanca Beach Estates Owners Association v. California State Lands Commission, et al.
- Center for Biological Diversity v. City of Long Beach and California State Lands Commission
- DCOR, LLC V. California State Lands Commission, et al.
- Dezirae Cadena, et al. v. City of Parker Dam, et al.
- Eugene Davis v. State of California and California State Lands Commission
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- In re: Venoco, LLC, Bankruptcy Chapter 11
- Martins Beach 1, LLC and Martins Beach 2, LLC v. Effie Turnbull-Sanders, et al.
- Morrow Bay Commercial Fisherman's Association, et al. v. California State Lands Commission, et al.
- Oakland Bulk and Oversized Terminal, LLC v. City of Oakland
- State Lands Commission v. Casa Blanca Beach Estates Owners' Association, et al.
- State Lands Commission v. Plains Pipeline, L.P., et al.
- United States v. Walker River Irrigation District, et al.
- William Buck Johns and Elizabeth Colleen Johns, as Co-Trustees of the Johns Living Trust, dated August 13, 2007, et al. v. County of Orange, et al.

2. The Commission may consider matters that fall under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e) (2) (b), under which;

a. A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the Commission, on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the Commission, or

b. Based on existing facts and circumstances, the Commission is meeting only to decide whether a closed session is authorized because of a significant exposure to litigation against the Commission.

3. The Commission may consider matters that fall under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e) (2) (C), where, based on existing facts and circumstances, the state body has decided to

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initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation.

B. Conference with real property negotiators

The Commission may consider matters that fall under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(7), under which, prior to the purchase sale, exchange, or lease of real property by or for the Commission, the directions may be given to its negotiators regarding price and terms of payment for the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease.

1. Instructions to staff negotiators in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(7), regarding applications for assignment of four leases governing the use of existing offshore oil and gas pipelines traversing state waters associated with the Santa Ynez Unit in federal waters, the Ellwood Pier, and two mooring buoys, offshore Santa Barbara County. Negotiating Parties: State Lands Commission, ExxonMobil, and Sable Offshore Corp. Under negotiation: price and terms.

C. Other matters

The Commission may also consider personnel actions to appoint, employ, or dismiss a public employee as provided for in Government Code section 11126(A)(1).

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PROCEEDINGS

1
2 CHAIR COHEN: Good afternoon, Everyone. I'd like
3 to officially call this meeting to order. All the
4 representatives of the Commission are present. I am
5 California State Controller Malia Cohen and I'm joined in
6 person by our Lieutenant Governor Ms. Eleni Kounalakis.
7 We are also joined virtually by Commissioner Michelle
8 Perrault, who is representing the Department of Finance.
9 Good afternoon, Michelle. Good to see you.

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: Good afternoon.

11 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you.

12 So for the vote -- for those in the audience, the
13 State Lands Commission manages State property interests in
14 over five million acres of land, including mineral
15 interests. The five mill -- the Commission also hears
16 responsibility for the prevention of oil spills at marine
17 oil terminals and offshore platforms, and islands, and for
18 preventing the introduction of marine invasive species
19 into California's marine waters.

20 Today, we are going to hear requests and
21 presentations involving the lands and resources within the
22 Commission's jurisdiction. So what I'd like to do at this
23 moment is just take a brief pause. I want to acknowledge
24 and express the gratitude -- some gratitude to the Chumash
25 people whose lands we are meeting on today. The Chumash

1 have maintained a consistent and constant presence on the
2 landscape living on this coast and fishing in these waters
3 for countless generations.

4 I also want to take a moment to honor the
5 California Native American communities all across the
6 State for persisting, carrying on diverse cultural and
7 linguistic traditions, and sustainably managing the lands
8 that we all now share. Native people have maintained a
9 constant presence on the landscape for many thousands of
10 years and they are essential steward -- they are an
11 essential stewardship partner. Now, whether we're talking
12 along the coast, along our, rivers and valleys, or in our
13 fragile deserts. We thank the Native American communities
14 for participating in this Commission's activities and for
15 their essential role in maintaining and adding to our
16 State's rich cultural legacy.

17 Next, I would like to welcome Mayor Pro Tem Luz
18 Reyes-Martín to come to the mic and give us ome brief
19 remarks. It's good to see you.

20 Hi.

21 GOLETA CITY MAYOR PRO TEM REYES-MARTÍN: Hello.
22 Welcome to Goleta.

23 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you.

24 GOLETA CITY MAYOR PRO TEM REYES-MARTÍN: And
25 welcome to our many community members who are here. On

1 behalf of the Mayor and City Council I'm, Luz
2 Reyes-Martín, our Mayor Pro Tem, a warm welcome to the
3 Commission, to Controller Cohen, our Lieutenant Governor
4 Kounalakis, and our Commissioner Perrault who's joining us
5 over Zoom with assistance of your wonderful staff. So
6 thank you so much for being here again in Goleta.

7 I wanted to just take a moment to thank you and
8 the Commission for your leadership and work in removal of
9 the Piers 421, which you were last here to celebrate, the
10 ongoing decommissioning, plugging, and abandonment work at
11 Platform Holly, and your work in shutting down the Ellwood
12 Onshore Facility. I'm pleased to share that the City of
13 Goleta is just so happy to see the legacy of oil
14 infrastructure going away as the State of California leads
15 in the transition to a renewable energy economy.

16 And Goleta, as a city and community, are happy to
17 continue to partner with you. So thank you so much for
18 being here and welcome again to Goleta.

19 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you.

20 I would like to just recognize our Zoom host,
21 Mike Farinha and Michelle Pelka, and then also our meeting
22 liaison Kim Lunetta. Thank you very much for your help in
23 helping and assisting us in the facilitation of this
24 meeting.

25 The next item of business will be public comment,

1 our favorite time on the agenda, personally something that
2 I look forward to. It's an opportunity for the public to
3 come in, and weigh in, and share their ideas with us. And
4 before I open public comment period for items that are not
5 on the agenda, I just want to thank everyone, especially
6 our stakeholders, for taking the time out to be a part of
7 this Democratic process. This is important that all
8 members of the public interact and engage in this -- in
9 this proceeding. And I know that you could be anywhere in
10 Goleta, but you've chosen to be here with us. So I'd like
11 to turn it over to Ms. Lucchesi to quickly share some
12 instructions. The instructions are very simple are rules
13 of engagement and the best way that everyone will have an
14 opportunity to participate in today's meeting.

15 Ms. Lucchesi.

16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Thank you, Madam
17 Chair. For public comment, we will take those members of
18 the public who are here in person first and then hear
19 comments from those members of the public who are
20 participating virtually. If you would like to speak
21 either during our open public comment period or during a
22 public comment period that is part of an agenda item,
23 please complete our electronic request to speak form
24 available on our website or there are links when you walk
25 into the room here. We will call on you in the order in

1 which you submitted the request to speak form.

2 For those participating virtually, please make
3 sure you have your microphones and phones muted to avoid
4 background noise. To help us call on you through Zoom,
5 please raise your hand during the appropriate comment
6 section in one of two ways. First, if you're on the Zoom
7 platform, you can raise your hand. If you are new to Zoom
8 and you joined our meeting using the Zoom application, you
9 can click on the hand icon at the bottom of your screen.
10 When you click on that hand, it will raise your hand. If
11 you are joining our meeting by phone, you must press star
12 nine on your keypad to raise your hand and make a comment.

13 If you are calling in want to view the meeting,
14 including the PowerPoint presentations, please view the
15 meeting through the CAL-SPAN live webcast link. There
16 will be a slight time delay but it will avoid an echo or
17 feedback from using the Zoom application and your phone.

18 We will call on individuals who have raised their
19 hands in the order that they are raised using the names
20 that they registered or the last three digits of their
21 identifying phone number. After you are called on, you
22 will be unmuted, so you can share your comments. Please
23 also remember to unmute your computer or phone and
24 identify yourself. And you will have a limit of three
25 minutes to speak on an item. Please keep your comments

1 respectful and focused. We will mute anyone who fails to
2 follow these guidelines or at worst dismiss them from the
3 meeting.

4 I also want to remind everyone that we have two
5 general public comment opportunities, one at the beginning
6 of the meeting and one at the end of the meeting. So if
7 any one is having logistical or technical difficulties,
8 please know that you have another opportunity to provide
9 your comments at the end of our meeting.

10 The Commission has also established an email
11 address to compile public comments for our meetings. We
12 have received various emails from parties that have been
13 shared with all the Commissioners prior to the meeting.
14 If we receive any emails during the meeting, they will be
15 shared with the Commissioners and made available on our
16 website along with all the other public comment letters
17 and emails we've received.

18 We do have a number of public commenters who
19 signed up to speak during public comment for Item 70,
20 which is an informational item noticing the public that we
21 will be discussing the lease assignment application
22 between Exxon and Sable in closed session. What we have
23 done to be more efficient and respectful of the public
24 commenters' time is move those who have identified to
25 speak on Item 70 to the public comment period, so that

1 your comments can be heard at the beginning of our
2 meeting. I just want to make that clear. And our staff
3 is working behind the scenes to compile all of those
4 names. So they will be called during the public comment
5 period that will begin now.

6 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Thank you very much,
7 Ms. Lucchesi. Ladies and gentlemen, I want to make one
8 brief introduction. I just want to recognize the Chairman
9 of the Chumash Tribes are here. Gabriel, if you could
10 just stand up. We just want to recognize you. And also
11 with him is an elder spiritual guide name Mati.
12 Gentlemen, thank you very much for being here. I think
13 you were not in the chamber when I did a small land
14 acknowledgement thanking the Chumash for being hosts and
15 allowing us to have our meeting on your land. Thank you
16 so much.

17 COASTAL BAND OF CHUMASH NATION CHAIRMAN FRAUSTO:
18 Thank you.

19 CHAIR COHEN: Of course.

20 All right, ladies and gentlemen. Okay. I know
21 you've come a long way and you're so excited to share your
22 thoughts with us and we are equally excited to hear.
23 You'll come up to this podium to speak and let's go ahead
24 and get started.

25 Hold on a minute.

1 All right. Our next order of business will be
2 the public comment. If anyone wants to address the
3 commission on any matter that's not on today's agenda, you
4 are free and welcome to do so. The staff will call on
5 those who are here in this chamber first and then you will
6 have three minutes to provide your comments. Then next,
7 we will move to those that are joining us virtually.

8 Michelle, could you please call the first person
9 who would like to make public comment.

10 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Yes. Our first
11 commenter is Tevin Schmitt.

12 Tevin, please make your way to the podium to
13 begin you comment. After Tevin, we will have Jeremy
14 Frankel.

15 Tevin, once you make your way to the podium,
16 please begin your comment.

17 TEVIN SCHMITT: Good afternoon, Commission
18 members. My name is Tevin Schmitt. I'm the Watershed
19 Scientist for the Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation and
20 Associate Director of Ventura Coastkeeper. On behalf of
21 Wishtoyo, I urge the Commission to deny Exxon and POPCO's
22 lease transfer to Sable Offshore Corp. The reassignment
23 of these leases to Sable directly contradicts State Land
24 Commission's mission. Allowing Sable to take over Exxon's
25 assets will increase fossil fuel production along

1 California's coast, defying the State's goals to reach
2 carbon neutrality by 2045. This transfer would be a major
3 step for Sable to restart operations of Exxon's Santa Ynez
4 Unit. The restart of these operations threatens public
5 access of coastal areas, cultural resources, guarantees
6 poor air quality, threatens sensitive coastal and marine
7 habitats, and a massive piece of Santa Barbara's economy.

8 The lease transfer would have far reaching
9 consequences beyond State lands or offshore impacts. The
10 restart of the Santa Ynez Unit would necessitate the
11 restart of that the Las Flores Canyon processing facility,
12 the county's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions,
13 volatile organic compounds, formaldehyde, and PM2.5 before
14 shutting down operations in 2015.

15 There has yet to be any real progress on the
16 construction of new pipelines associated with the Santa
17 Ynez unit restart. Lines 901 and 903 are nearly 40 years
18 old and have experienced extensive corrosion, upwards of
19 70 percent in some areas, which led -- and this extensive
20 corrosion led to the 2015 Refugio oil spill. These lines
21 have experienced an additional nine years of corrosion
22 since that event. If Sable is allowed to restart these
23 operations, an oil spill would be inevitable.

24 All three offshore pipe -- all offshore platforms
25 associated with the lease transfer were constructed in the

1 1980s. The average life span of these platforms is 20 to
2 30 years. Aging infrastructure poses a massive risk of
3 oil spills. The pipelines included in the potential lease
4 transfer are also just as old as these ancient rigs.
5 Underwater pipelines are susceptible to corrosion from
6 seawater exposure and can be damaged by mud slides and
7 certain types of fishing. Additionally, leaks are
8 notoriously difficult to detect in offshore pipelines when
9 they occur, delaying the response in case of a
10 catastrophic event.

11 Any steps to restart the operation of these
12 decrepit rigs, could spell disaster for marine ecosystems,
13 regional air quality, cultural resources, our sensitive
14 coast, and Santa Barbara's economy.

15 Thank you for your time and consideration.

16 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. Next speaker.

17 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our next speaker is
18 Jeremy Frankel. Jeremy, please make your way to the
19 podium. After -- following Jeremy, we will have Ryan
20 Smith.

21 JEREMY FRANKEL: Good afternoon. My name is
22 Jeremy Frankel. I'm an attorney with the Environmental
23 Defense Center. My comment today concerns the proposed
24 lease assignments from Exxon to Sable. As Commission
25 staff reviews these lease assignment applications, Public

1 Resources Code section 6005 requires that it consider
2 whether the assignments are in the best interests of the
3 State. We're concerned that the Commission's review may
4 be too narrow in this regard.

5 We're concerned that the Commission may solely be
6 considering whether Sable is likely to comply with the
7 terms of the leases pursuant to section 6804. Section
8 6804 is intended to provide helpful guidance to the
9 Commission, but it is not intended to be the sole extent
10 of the Commission's best interest analysis. It states
11 only that the Commission may consider and assignee's
12 likelihood of compliance. It does not state that the
13 Commission must do so or suggest that it is the only thing
14 that the Commission must consider. In other words,
15 Section 6804 does not purport to limit the Commission's
16 best interest analysis to whether Sable will comply with
17 the leases.

18 That said, we agree that the Commission should
19 consider Sable's likelihood of compliance as part of its
20 review. But to properly evaluate the State's best
21 interests, the Commission must consider the full extent of
22 the impacts of these assignments. The assignments would
23 directly facilitate Sable's plans to restart all of its
24 SYU facilities, including its corroded onshore pipelines
25 that ruptured in 2015. As you'll hear today, should Sable

1 restart these compromised pipelines, another spill is all
2 but inevitable and it could be far more severe than the
3 Refugio spill.

4 Recently, Sable sued EDC and the California
5 Department of Fish and Wildlife to try and withhold from
6 the public vital information about the risks of operating
7 these pipelines. After prevailing in court last week, we
8 did receive that information. One of the things that we
9 learned is that per Sable's estimate, a spill could be 14
10 times the volume of the Refugio spill. And that we
11 believe is a conservative estimate. What we also learned
12 last week is that Sable does not have an adequate plan in
13 place to respond to a spill, nor does it -- has it yet
14 demonstrated that it is financially capable of remediating
15 a spill.

16 Facilitating Sable's dangerous restart plans is
17 not in the best interests of the State and it's not in the
18 best interests of our community. And while we recognize
19 that the Commission cannot unreasonably withhold approval,
20 the unacceptable risk of a restart provide ample reason to
21 do so. We ask that the Commission uphold its duty to
22 protect our best interests, uphold its duty to protect our
23 Public Trust resources, and deny the applications.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. Next speaker.

1 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our next speaker is
2 Ryan Smith. After Ryan, we have Brady Bradshaw.

3 RYAN SMITH: Good afternoon. My name is Ryan
4 Smith and I'm a law clerk working for the Environmental
5 Defense Center. My comments today relate to the proposed
6 lease assignments to Sable Offshore Corporation. These
7 leases assignments would directly facilitate to restart of
8 the Santa Ynez Unit, which includes the onshore pipeline
9 that ruptured in 2015 at Refugio Beach.

10 Since then, various entities have persistently
11 attempted to restart the Santa Ynez unit. One of the
12 proposals was to construct a new pipeline. Santa Barbara
13 County reviewed this application and drafted an
14 Environmental Impact Report, which they analyzed
15 restarting the existing pipeline as an alternative to
16 constructing the new pipeline. In that report, the County
17 predicted that if the pipeline were restarted, we could
18 expect it to leak once a year and rupture every four
19 years.

20 Further, the County calculated that the volume of
21 a worst case spill from the pipeline would be twice the
22 size of the rupture that occurred at Refugio Beach. If
23 Sable is allowed to restart this pipeline, it's not a
24 question of if the pipeline will fail, but when. This is
25 clearly not in the best interests of the people of

1 California and is inconsistent with CSLC's obligation to
2 protect Public Trust resources.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIR COHEN: Next speaker.

5 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Slight change in
6 plans, it appears we have a representative Geordie Scully.
7 Please make your way to the podium to begin your comment.

8 GEORDIE SCULLY: Hi. Thank you. I'm Geordie
9 Scully. I'm here on behalf of Senator Monique Limón. I
10 just wanted to appreciate you all for coming down to
11 Goleta to hear everyone in person speak. We're so
12 grateful to have this opportunity. And I also want to
13 thank everyone who showed up in support of these issues
14 and were here listening as well. So thank you so much.

15 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. Please give our best to
16 the Senator.

17 All right, Brady.

18 BRADY BRADSHAW: Thank you, Commissioners and
19 staff. My name is Brady Bradshaw. I'm here today on
20 behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity and our over
21 1.7 million members and supporters, many of who live,
22 work, and recreate in Santa Barbara County. We're
23 extremely concerned about the applications you received
24 from ExxonMobil and Sable Offshore Corporation asking you
25 to approve the assignment of four leases for aging oil and

1 gas pipelines in State Waters to Sable. While these
2 applications might be viewed in isolation by some as a
3 paperwork exercise, that's far from the truth. These
4 leases are a critical piece of Sable's plans to restart
5 the Santa Ynez Unit operation from the offshore platforms
6 to the onshore processing facilities and compromised
7 pipelines.

8 We can't stress enough how concerning these
9 applications are and we urge the Commission to view these
10 applications in their full context to request and review
11 all necessary documentation to put first and foremost its
12 duty to protect Public Trust resources and to ultimately
13 deny the applications.

14 Some of our greatest concerns are that Sable
15 Offshore Corporation doesn't have the track record, the
16 staffing, the leadership, the plans, or the finances to
17 comply with the terms of these leases. We're worried that
18 they can't protect our precious coast and coastal
19 communities from another potentially even more
20 devastating, and what we've learned from the records
21 request today, certainly more devastating than the oil
22 spill we faced in 2015 from the onshore pipeline, which
23 experts now estimate was over 450,000 gallons of oil.

24 Like lines 901, 903 the offshore oil and gas
25 infrastructure has aged beyond its projected life span,

1 and needs to be decommissioned not restarted to protect
2 California's communities, local fisheries, natural and
3 cultural resources, air and water quality, and public
4 safety. We've seen nothing from Sable that gives us the
5 confidence that it would meet its spill response or
6 ultimate decommissioning responsibilities.

7 Granting the assignments would be a significant
8 change in the status quo. It's been over nine years since
9 the Refugio oil spill, nine years of not worrying
10 consistently about the next big spill, nine years without
11 harmful pollution -- air pollution from the Santa Ynez
12 unit, Santa Barbara's County's largest source of GHGs,
13 VOCs, formaldehyde, and PM2.5. And it's been decades
14 since State agencies have assessed the environmental
15 impacts of the SYU operations. We know so much more about
16 the risks, harms, and financial burdens of oil spills
17 today unfortunately. Your mission statement says you
18 provide the people of California with effective
19 stewardship of the lands, waterways, and resources
20 entrusted to your care based on the principles of
21 equitability, sustainability, and resiliency. We are
22 counting on you to do just that here and deny these lease
23 assignments.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. Next speaker.

1 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our next speaker is
2 Lorelei Moosbrugger. After Lorelei, we'll have Jonathan
3 Ullman. Lorelei, please make your way to the podium and
4 begin your comment.

5 LORELEI MOOSBRUGGER: Thank you. It's Lorelei
6 Moosbrugger and I'm representing the League of Women
7 Voters of Santa Barbara and the Environmental Action
8 Committee. Thank you for hearing us today.

9 The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara would
10 like to express our grave concern about the future
11 possibility or reassignment of the leases currently held
12 by ExxonMobil to Sable Corporation for the Santa Ynez oil
13 unit. Granting the lease assignment would facilitate the
14 restart of offshore drilling platforms, onshore processing
15 facilities, and most importantly the onshore pipeline,
16 which ruptured in 2015 due to extensive corrosion and
17 spilled a huge amount of oil on the Gaviota coast. The
18 impacts on both wildlife and humans as well as the local
19 economy were severe.

20 It is not clear that the pipeline can ever be
21 adequately fixed to ensure that Santa Barbara County will
22 not be plagued yet again with another devastating oil
23 spill. We are also concerned about the impacts on air
24 quality should onshore processing facilities restart,
25 since they were top emitters of greenhouse gas and

1 numerous pollutants before they were shut down in 2015
2 after the spill. We want to make it clear that there is
3 strong and broad community opposition and that we strongly
4 urge you to not grant the lease reassignment when the time
5 comes to finalize that decision.

6 Thank you again.

7 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. Next speaker.

8 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our next speaker is
9 Jonathan Ullman. Following Jonathan, we will have Carla
10 Frisk. Jonathan, please make your way to the podium to
11 begin your comment.

12 JONATHAN ULLMAN: Thank you. I want to thank the
13 Commission for the opportunity to speak. My name is
14 Jonathan Ullman. I'm the Director of the Santa Barbara
15 Ventura Chapter of the Sierra Club. I would like to say
16 that we have members of our community here to speak about
17 this issue. And one of them is Katie Davis who will be
18 speaking. She is the -- she's the chair of the Santa
19 Barbara Ventura chapter. And I'll just say this, I'm a
20 little nervous because there's so many people, but that's
21 a good thing.

22 Okay. Offshore oil drilling was shut down after
23 the 2020 -- 2015 Refugio Beach disaster in which a
24 corroded onplant -- onshore pipeline -- Plains Pipeline
25 burst sending 450,000 gallons of crude in Santa Barbara

1 Channel, resulting in 202 dead birds, 99 dead mammals, 46
2 sea lions, and 12 dolphins. They all died. There's a lot
3 at stake here and we really appreciate your -- we
4 appreciate you being here.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. We're happy to be here
7 honored to be a part of this process.

8 Next speaker.

9 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our next speaker is
10 Carla Frisk. Following Carla, we will have Deane
11 Plaister. Carla, please make your way to the podium to
12 begin your comment.

13 CARLA FRISK: Okay. I'm here. My name is Carla
14 Frisk and I'm representing Get Oil Out!, and I want to add
15 my thanks too to the State Lands Commission for coming all
16 the way down here, as it frequently does, to hear
17 in-person, direct, and up front from the -- from the
18 members of the community. We have a lot of oil
19 development on our channel and our area and we really
20 appreciate your willingness to engage with us.

21 I'm here to speak on the same item, the transfer
22 the leases from Exxon to Sable. GOO! -- as you know, GOO!
23 was formed in the aftermath of the disastrous 1969 oil
24 spill in Santa Barbara. We have witnessed therefore two
25 pretty large oil spills since our inception 55 years ago,

1 hard to believe. The second one being the 2015 spill on
2 the Gaviota coast.

3 As our name implies, we want oil out of Santa
4 Barbara County. It's just that simple. We are therefore
5 opposing the transfer of all of Exxon's oil facilities to
6 Sable. Sable is a little known company. Other speakers
7 have already said a lot about this, so I won't go into the
8 details, but we know very little about its financial
9 resources. And we know what happened when ExxonMobil sold
10 its interests in the South Ellwood Field to Venoco.
11 Following the 2015 oil pipeline rupture, Venoco went
12 bankrupt leaving the State of California and specifically
13 the State Lands Commission holding the bag.

14 I don't have to tell this Commission how much --
15 how many problems that has caused. And they aren't over
16 yet. We're not done yet. We cannot afford to even take a
17 remote chance of that -- repeating that scenario. So
18 therefore, when the item comes up before you later this
19 year or early next, we urge the Commission to deny those
20 lease transfers.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you.

23 Next speaker.

24 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our next speaker is
25 Deane Plaister. After Deane, we will have Lee Heller.

1 Deane, please make your way to the podium to begin your
2 comment.

3 DEANE PLAISTER: Commissioners, my name is Deane
4 Plaister. I'm a member of the Executive Committee of the
5 Surfrider Foundation, Santa Barbara chapter. I'd like to
6 request that the Commission not grant the reassignment of
7 drilling leases from Exxon to Sable offshore. Doing so
8 would bring oil operations back online from drilling, to
9 piping, to processing. These operations involve
10 significant air pollution impacts to the Santa Barbara,
11 area as well as the renewal -- renewed threat of a
12 pipeline blowout -- pipeline leak. In 2015, I got to see
13 up close and personal what that looks like. I was one of
14 the outraged citizens who was at Venadito Beach just east
15 of Refugio, the morning after the Plains All American
16 Pipeline burst.

17 I was scooping spilled oil into five gallon
18 buckets all day. I don't want to see a mess like that
19 again. Please don't reassign those leases.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you, Deane.

22 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our next speaker is
23 Lee Heller. After Lee, we will have Bill Woodridge --
24 Woodbridge. Lee, please make your way to the podium to
25 again your comment

1 LEE HELLER: Thank you. Chair Cohen and members
2 of the Commission. Thank you for being here, as so many
3 other speakers have said. I've been in front of this
4 commission several times over the last 20 years and the
5 theme is always the same. It's always corporate polluters
6 who are producing oil and gas and then leaving their mess
7 behind for the State to clean up. I was an intern for the
8 Environmental Defense Center in front of you in 2022 or
9 '23 about the Chevron shell mounds. I was in front of in
10 2015 about the abandoned wells in Summerland where I lived
11 for 18 years and where my State Senator had to pass
12 legislation so the State can start paying for all of this
13 abandoned leaking infrastructure.

14 I'm here in front of you again today to say
15 please do not, when you -- this item comes before you in
16 the future, transfer leases to a company with no solid
17 track record of doing its due diligence on environmental
18 protection. In fact, just the opposite from what we can
19 tell. We have a history on this coastline with living
20 with the messes that the petroleum industry makes and that
21 we then have to live with afterwards. The State then has
22 to pay out of pocket to clean up those messes. So let's
23 not keep making the same mistake.

24 Thank you.

25 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Thank you.

1 Our next speaker will be Bill Woodbridge. Bill,
2 please make your way to the podium to begin your comments.
3 After Bill, we will have Francene McClintock.

4 BILL WOODBRIDGE: Hi, Commissioners. My name is
5 Bill Woodbridge. I'm a resident here in Goleta.

6 There is no reason to believe that the pipelines
7 going out to the platforms are in any better condition
8 than the corroded pipeline that burst on land in 2015,
9 especially considering that they've been subjected to salt
10 water for 40 years. The pipelines and the platforms are
11 way beyond their useful life. That is a nightmare waiting
12 to happen. I know the Commission is familiar with the
13 two -- with the two pipelines that were severed down by
14 Huntington Beach by two ships who were pushed one way or
15 the other by storms, thereby dragging their anchors across
16 the two pipelines, which cut the pipelines, which resulted
17 in the spill. So a break might not even be the fault of
18 the oil company, unless it's a corroded bad pipe. It
19 might be something else. Dragging fishing nets along the
20 bottom. There's no assurance that those pipelines will be
21 safe and not broken.

22 I work as a volunteer seabird animal rescuer and
23 transporter, mostly pelicans, large seabirds, small
24 seabirds. About 25 percent of the calls I go out on are
25 oiled birds. They can't fly when they're oiled. When

1 they try to preen themselves to get the oil off, they
2 ingest the toxins which then kills them. So if we don't
3 get a call about an oil bird or if we don't get to the
4 bird fast enough, the bird dies. I'm tired of seeing
5 that.

6 Everywhere I go along the beach, no matter what
7 beach, I have to climb through or over rocks that have tar
8 all over them from the previous oil spills. We don't want
9 that to happen any more. We don't need any more oil. We
10 don't need any more CO2 from the -- their plants up there
11 on Gaviota. The Bacara Hotel pays more taxes than this
12 unit or any part of it would pay to the county for pulling
13 more oil out of the ground. The Bacara Hotel by itself
14 would pay more taxes than the -- this Santa Ynez Unit.

15 And most fearful is it costs about a million
16 dollars to recap every uncapped underwater drilling that's
17 been abandoned. That's a lot of money for the State to
18 pay. If this oil line bursts, it's going to cost the
19 State or somebody even more money, because Sable doesn't
20 have any money or any plans to stop, or prevent, or fix
21 it. So it's going to be up to us and another oil spill
22 that's going to be even worse than the last. We don't
23 want any more of that. Please consider that in making
24 your decision. Thank you very much.

25 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Thank you for your

1 comment.

2 Our next speaker is Francene McClintock. After
3 Francene, we will have Mariza Sullivan.

4 Francene, please make your way to the podium to
5 begin your comment.

6 FRANCENE McCLINTOCH: Hi. I would appreciate if
7 my testimony could be sworn in. I don't know if that
8 matters. My name is Francene McClintock and my testimony
9 is based on the book David Blume's "Alcohol Can Be a Gas,"
10 and some information I've obtained at renewable energy
11 fairs. My interest is in replacing fossil fuel, oil,
12 gasoline, and below ground frack -- gas and nuclear power
13 by 2030 with energy provided by renewables.

14 Along with solar power, wind energy, geothermal,
15 there is an above-ground solar powered marine algae called
16 kelp, and it has been estimated that kelp farming would
17 provide 23 quadrillion BTU per year of methane gas, as
18 well as 90 billion gallons of liquid alcohol fuel per year
19 from the California coast alone. If you add the coast of
20 Oregon, Washington, the Gulf of Mexico, and Chesapeake
21 Bay, you can replace all the transportation fuel for the
22 United States, as well as a large share of the electricity
23 and natural gas.

24 Existing vehicles, oil and gas heaters,
25 generators, tractors, lawn mowers, and even oil refineries

1 can be converted to run on alcohol or methane gas
2 fermented from marine kelp. Existing oil platforms could
3 be converted into kelp distilleries. Kelp farming would
4 help us meet that 2030 deadline. When below-ground carbon
5 is brought to the surface and then burned, also known as
6 the fossil fuel model, the old carbon is added to our
7 atmosphere. If an annual above-ground plant is grown, it
8 absorbs the carbon. Then if the plant is burned, it
9 releases the carbon. But as long as you regrow the annual
10 plant, it will again absorb the carbon. So using annual
11 above-ground plants for energy is carbon neutral and
12 within the natural carbon cycle.

13 Kelp lives in a hydroponic solution, the ocean,
14 and does not need to be watered. Kelp flourishes if grown
15 in dead zones or river outlets, which have high nitrogen
16 levels, growing up to one foot a day or more. Kelp
17 replaces the dissolved carbon dioxide with oxygen, which
18 restores the krill preventing a food web collapse. And
19 kelp also cools the water and slows down hurricanes. So
20 there are many reasons to grow kelp other than for energy.

21 And I want to say that you're not harvesting
22 existing kelp, but you are growing more kelp. Kelp
23 farming. Thank you.

24 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. Next speaker.

25 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Thank you. Thank

1 you. Our next speaker is Mariza Sullivan. After Mariza,
2 we will have Nancy Avoce.

3 Mariza, please make your way to the podium to
4 begin your comment.

5 MARIZA SULLIVAN: Hello, everybody. My name is
6 Mariza Sullivan. I am the former Tribal Chair for Coastal
7 Band of the Chumash Nation. I'm now considered an elder.
8 I think you can tell by my hair color --

9 (Laughter).

10 MARIZA SULLIVAN: I think I can claim that now
11 and that I turned 65 last Friday.

12 CHAIR COHEN: Happy birthday.

13 MARIZA SULLIVAN: I want to thank you very much
14 for the land acknowledgement. I think it was a really --
15 a really fine one. Thank you. And I also want to thank
16 every -- the Commission for the opportunity to submit and
17 listen to people's comments.

18 There's been many years that I was part of many
19 of these kind of meetings pertaining to the specific
20 continued, what I'm going to say, assault on our oceans
21 and our lands. I'm -- I would -- I'm going to keep this
22 as simple as possible. And I understand that you are --
23 it's being considered the application, the transfer of the
24 leases to restart the Santa Ynez Unit.

25 And here's what I -- my -- I guess my question

1 is, can Sable fulfill the conditions and requirements of
2 the several leases where ExxonMobil -- it just doesn't
3 make any sense to me, because how can a company as small
4 as Sable do any better than the promises that were made by
5 ExxonMobil.

6 So my final comment is no more broken pipelines,
7 no more broken promises.

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. Next speaker.

10 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our next speaker is
11 Nancy Avoce. After Nancy, we will have Linda Phillips.
12 Nancy, please make your way to the podium to begin your
13 comment.

14 NANCY AVOCE: Good morning, Commissioners. My
15 name is Nancy Avoce and I work with the organization Santa
16 Barbara County Action Network, SBCAN. We are a non-profit
17 that works county-wide and we promote environmental and
18 social justice. On behalf of SBCAN, we strongly urge the
19 California State Lands Commission to oppose the proposed
20 restart of Exxon's former offshore oil drilling operations
21 on the Gaviota coast. Let us not repeat past mistakes
22 like the 2015 Refugio disaster, where Santa Barbara
23 Channel saw 450,000 gallons of spilled crude and more than
24 300 dead animals. We should not expose our wildlife,
25 aquatic life, and residents to irreversible or long

1 lasting impacts of pollution.

2 To protect the Public Trust and the well-being of
3 California residents, the California State Lands
4 Commission should continue to look into preventative
5 measures to protect our environment. Enabling oil
6 industry activities will disrupt that promise.

7 In light of increasing risks of climate change,
8 let's look ahead and consider the implications of our
9 actions. The Commission should not grant the lease
10 reassignment from Exxon to Sable. I urge you to take the
11 magnitude of public opposition seriously. Thank you so
12 much for your time.

13 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. Next speaker.

14 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our next speaker is
15 Linda Phillips. Following Linda, we will have Katie
16 Davis.

17 Linda, please make your way to the podium to
18 begin your comment.

19 DR. LINDA PHILLIPS: Thank you and thank you very
20 much for being here and hearing us, what we have to say.
21 I'm Dr. Linda Phillips. And I'm speaking today as an
22 individual, but my degrees are in chemistry, and I've been
23 involved in organizations that study, advocate, or plan
24 for emergency preparedness, and prevention.

25 I've been a member of the Local Emergency

1 Planning Committee, which as you may know is a regional
2 committee in California. And the pipeline safety trust,
3 which is basically an organization from up north, but
4 which operates nationally, and I've been to several of
5 their meetings. So I'm really interested in pipeline
6 safety and for good reason. I remember very well the 1969
7 oil spill from a platform. And it -- essentially, I
8 believe it's what made me a -- such a committed
9 environmentalist. I also remember the oil spill at
10 Refugio, at -- you know, the one that we're talking about
11 here today and how much those -- both of those affected
12 both the ocean and the wildlife. And you've heard a lot
13 about all of the environmental effects that these spills
14 had.

15 And I'm particularly concerned by the fact that
16 this was -- it was a pipeline, which had badly rusted and
17 not been checked well enough to realize that it was badly
18 rusted and needed to be fixed, because it was going to
19 spill, because it was going to rupture, and why my fear is
20 that Sable is now wanting to use that pipeline, which we
21 know is so rusted and wants to put some Oil in it again.

22 And this has got to be -- number one, the
23 facilities would be -- have to be repaired, and number
24 two, it would -- we -- they would have to make sure that
25 the facilities did not rupture again, did not again cause

1 all the problems that you've been hearing about. And I
2 think basically, this -- these pipelines and the platforms
3 need to be shut down for the reasons that people have been
4 very clearly explaining here already.

5 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you.

6 DR. LINDA PHILLIPS: And I hope you will follow
7 that. Thank you.

8 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you, Doctor. Appreciate your
9 testimony today.

10 Next speaker, please.

11 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our next speaker is
12 Katie Davis. Followed Katie, we will have Linda Krop.

13 Katie, please make your way to the podium to
14 being your comment.

15 KATIE DAVIS: Hello. I'm Katie Davis. I am
16 Chair of the Santa Barbara-Ventura Chapter of the Sierra
17 Club and Vice Chair of Sierra Club California. But more
18 importantly for our purposes here today, I'm a 25 year
19 resident of Goleta and I was here during the 2015 oil
20 spill. It was the summer our beaches were closed. They
21 were covered in hazmat crews. We saw the animals washing
22 up, dead or suffering. We don't want to see it again.

23 We don't trust Exxon to restart these -- this
24 offshore platform and the associated infrastructure, let
25 alone a speculative start-up. They themselves agree with

1 us, that's why they wanted to -- they proposed building a
2 whole new pipeline, trucking the oil. They did not want
3 to restart this pipeline that is corroded and they know
4 presents risks. And only after those solutions proved
5 unworkable, did they then finance this start-up.

6 So I do -- you have two items before you that
7 will come up. One is the transfer of the lease, the other
8 one is whether you should give them a new lease at all,
9 because the lease through State waters is expired. So
10 thank you so much for doing a study about whether
11 renewing, having brand new leases is in the State interest
12 at all. I think you'll find it is not. I think it's
13 interesting that EDC consid -- thinks that that should be
14 a consideration with the lease transfers as well.

15 Certainly, Sable doesn't have -- they could
16 disappear and be bankrupt in the event of a spill and it
17 would be left on us. So, this particular operation, it
18 would -- it involves fracking. It involves long distance
19 horizontal drilling. It involves, even in the best cases,
20 they're dumping polluted wastewater into that ocean that's
21 an incredibly important biodiverse hot spot along the
22 Gaviota Coast right nere a proposed Chumash Heritage
23 National Marine Sanctuary, which we expect to be
24 designated soon. It's a terrible place for offshore
25 drilling, anywhere in California.

1 You recognize the risk. That's why you haven't
2 approved a new offshore oil lease since the 1969 oil
3 spill. So, we urge you -- and thank you for hearing from
4 us in person, this rare opportunity to hear from us. And
5 we hope you'll keep this in mind as you make those
6 decisions. Thank you so much.

7 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Thank you.

8 Our next speaker is can Linda Krop. Following
9 Linda, unless we have other speakers signed up in person,
10 our next commenter will be Faith Rodriguez.

11 Linda, please make your way to the podium to
12 begin your comment.

13 LINDA KROP: Thank you and good afternoon.
14 Welcome to Goleta. I am a resident of Goleta. I'm also
15 the Chief Counsel with the Environmental Defense Center
16 and want to thank you profusely for coming to Santa
17 Barbara, Goleta, to hear from our local community. And I
18 would like to also acknowledge your staff, led by your
19 Executive Officer Jennifer Lucchesi for holding a series
20 of town hall meetings in this very room to talk about
21 issues of local import, such as decommissioning of the
22 Ellwood piers, Platform Holly, Rincon Island. The
23 accessibility of this agency is -- surpasses most and we
24 really do appreciate. So I wanted to let you know while
25 you're here in person.

1 So we've heard a lot about the potential restart
2 of oil development in the channel. I want to acknowledge
3 the Commission's actions and statements in December, when
4 you discussed the study required by State Law to look at
5 the potential voluntary relinquishment of leases in State
6 waters, including platform leases, but also authorized
7 proactively a study to analyze the leases in State waters
8 supporting infrastructure such as pipelines and how that
9 might affect Public Trust resources.

10 And so we are very grateful that these studies
11 are being done. I want to highlight a couple issues
12 related to the end of oil and what happens when, you know,
13 leases are abandoned, but not completely cleaned up.
14 Probably the best example is in Santa Barbara County
15 offshore Summerland. When Chevron removed four platforms
16 in State waters in the mid-1990s, the State Lands
17 Commission required that the platform structures be
18 completely removed, all the debris be removed, and that
19 the site be restored to its natural condition without any
20 obstructions or debris.

21 Chevron didn't do that. And it's about 30 years
22 later, and those huge mounds of debris, hundreds of feet
23 in diameter, 20 to 30 feet high, the core samples taken by
24 the Sate Lands Commission show very highly toxic chemicals
25 are still embedded there. EDC, on behalf of Get Oil Out!,

1 Citizens Planning Association, and Sierra Club, has been
2 working for about 30 years to try to get these cleaned up.

3 That would never happen onshore, but they're on
4 the seabed and out of sight. So we really need to get
5 those cleaned up. That will also set a precedent for
6 upcoming platform decommissioning items that are going to
7 come before the Commission, including Platform Holly,
8 which will be the first one. We really want to make sure
9 that decommissioning is done in a way that was
10 contemplated when the leases were initially sold and
11 executed, that the oil companies would remove all of their
12 equipment, all their mess, and restore our oceans as we
13 found them.

14 Thank you.

15 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you.

16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Madam Chair.

17 CHAIR COHEN: Yes.

18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: So I believe that
19 that finishes all the speakers that are here in person.

20 CHAIR COHEN: Okay.

21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: I do just want to
22 make sure before we move to our virtual public speakers to
23 make sure there isn't anybody still in the room that
24 wishes to speak and address the Commission?

25 All right. Seeing none, then we can move on to

1 our virtual public commenters.

2 CHAIR COHEN: One -- I'm sorry the -- to the
3 folks that are like leaving, we're going to have --
4 Jennifer Lucchesi is going to be making some general
5 comments about some of the issues that we heard raised in
6 public comment. So if you could stick around till the end
7 of public comment, and I think it would be very
8 informative.

9 So let's go ahead and pivot and we'll hear from
10 the folks online.

11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: That's correct.
12 Michelle.

13 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our first speaker
14 will be Faith Rodriguez. Following Faith will be Izzi
15 Sistek.

16 Faith, please unmute yourself and begin your
17 comment.

18 FAITH RODRIGUEZ: Hello. My name is Faith
19 Rodriguez and I am Watershed Science Intern of the
20 Wishtoyo Foundation, urging the opposition of lease
21 transfer between Exxon and Sable.

22 Reassigning Exxon leases to Sable to restart
23 operations at the Santa Ynez Unit raises significant
24 concerns. It greatly increase the risk of oil spills, due
25 to the aging and corroded state of the pipelines, which

1 include the same ones that caused the 2015 Refugio spill,
2 which estimated a near \$100 million in clean-up costs, and
3 that's not including restoration, or settlement costs, or
4 even penalties.

5 These pipelines have not been adequately repaired
6 since then and they're even more vulnerable after the
7 additional years of exposure. This makes them a greater
8 liability to the community and the local wildlife.

9 Restarting operations would also reactivate the Las Flores
10 Canyon processing facility, a major source of harmful
11 air -- harmful air pollutants that can create major health
12 problems and jeopardize the safety of the community.

13 The oil platforms and pipelines, some of which
14 are over 40 years old, are well passed their average
15 lifespan and are prone to more failures. Additionally,
16 offshore pipelines are famously susceptible to corrosion
17 and damage from environmental factors, but can also be
18 damaged by numerous unprecedented interactions.

19 As it is, leaks are hard to detect and would
20 likely not be attended to until it is too late or the
21 damage caused by them would have already progressed to the
22 point of massive financial cost. This decision also
23 conflicts with the State Lands Commission's goal of
24 protecting California's resources and advancing towards
25 carbon neutrality by 2045.

1 That's all. Thank you.

2 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you very much, Faith.

3 Michelle, is there another speaker?

4 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our next speaker is
5 Izzi Sistek. Following Izzi, we will have Molly Troup.

6 Izzi, please unmute yourself and begin your
7 comment.

8 IZZI SISTEK: Hello. Can you hear me?

9 CHAIR COHEN: Yes. Please proceed.

10 IZZI SISTEK: Good afternoon. Thank you for
11 taking my comment. My name is Izzi Sistek and I'm an
12 Advocacy Chair for UCSB's Environmental Affairs Board. I
13 urge you to deny the lease reassignment from Exxon to
14 Sable.

15 Granting the lease reassignment would facilitate
16 the restart of offshore drilling platforms, the onshore
17 pipeline which already ruptured and spilled huge amounts
18 of oil in 2015, and onshore processing facilities that are
19 a large source of pollution in Santa Barbara County. The
20 beaches were heavily contaminated by the 2015 Refugio oil
21 spill and many wildlife populations are still recovering.

22 Before the processing plant shut down, they
23 contaminated the air as Santa Barbara's top greenhouse gas
24 emitters, creating local pollutants that can cause cancer,
25 asthma, and other health issues.

1 Restarting the pipeline risks a new spill on a
2 recovering ecosystem and will make it that much harder for
3 our county and State to meet its climate obligations. I
4 speak on behalf of local college students and many young
5 people when I say that climate change and environmental
6 degradation is at the forefront of our minds. As we look
7 to the future, it's essential that governing bodies
8 preserve the earth, so that we can continue to live on a
9 healthy planet. Enabling the sale and restart of this
10 corroded pipeline and ancient oil platforms would
11 facilitate further contamination of the earth's resources,
12 which would harm public health and destroy our one and
13 only home.

14 Reassigning Exxon's lease to Sable would be a
15 massive disservice to the public, which you vowed to
16 protect, and I urge you to consider this issue carefully
17 and to deny this change.

18 Thank you so much for hearing my comment.

19 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you, Izzi. Next speaker.

20 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our next speaker is
21 Molly Troup. Following Molly, we will have Susan Harvey.

22 Molly, please unmute yourself and begin your
23 comment.

24 MOLLY TROUP: Good afternoon, Chair Cohen and
25 members of the Commission. Thank you for this opportunity

1 to speak here today. My name is Molly Troup and I am the
2 science and program manager at Santa Barbara
3 Channelkeeper, a local environmental non-profit
4 organization with the mission of protecting and restoring
5 the Santa Barbara Channel and its watersheds. We work to
6 ensure clean water, healthy habitats, abundant wildlife,
7 and thriving communities.

8 I'm here today to express our deep concern with
9 the potential future reassignment of several pipeline and
10 infrastructure leases in State waters from ExxonMobil to
11 Sable Offshore Corporation. Channelkeeper supports the
12 State Lands Commission's future decision to decline the
13 reassignment of these leases to Sable Offshore.

14 Channelkeeper was actively involved in the
15 aftermath of the 2015 Plains All American Pipeline spill.
16 We were on the water in our boat, in the air, and on the
17 beaches. We helped to keep the public informed about the
18 spill. We advocated for policy reforms to ensure
19 disasters like that one couldn't happen again. And we
20 worked with spill response agencies, local governments,
21 and other partners to improve oil spill response and
22 prevention. You've heard at length from the previous
23 speakers today about what is at stake with the ultimate
24 restart of the end-of-life Santa Ynez Unit and its
25 associated infrastructure.

1 Thank you for taking this into consideration as
2 you evaluate the lease reassignment later this year.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you, Molly.

5 Next speaker.

6 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our next speaker is
7 Susan Harvey. Following Susan, we will have Eileen Boken.

8 Susan, please unmute yourself and begin your
9 comment.

10 SUSAN HARVEY: Thank you. I'm Susan Harvey from
11 the Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club.

12 Beyond the question of whether it's a good idea
13 to hand over to this particular company the responsibility
14 of aging offshore oil platforms, pipelines, and onshore
15 oil and gas facilities, there is a larger question.
16 Should the State Lands Commission bring the Santa Ynez
17 Unit back to life? Should you turn back the clock,
18 pretend the Refugio oil spill never happened, and again
19 consign these waters to offshore drilling because that is
20 something that used to happen there.

21 It's your Commission's fundamental duty to
22 protect the public trust that continuously evolving
23 doctrine provides that tidal and submerged lands are to be
24 held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people
25 of California. In Marks versus Whitney, the court stated

1 that the Public Trust -- the public uses to which
2 tidelands are subject are sufficiently flexible to
3 encompass changing public needs. The harms this pipeline
4 can inflict are a matter of record. The ongoing shutdown
5 of these three oil platforms has prevented the emission of
6 more than 30 million tons of carbon pollution to date.
7 Please acknowledge that public needs have changed and your
8 duty to act for the benefit of the public -- of the people
9 of California has not. Thank you so much for this
10 opportunity to comment.

11 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you very much.

12 Ms. Eileen Boken.

13 EILEEN BOKEN: Eileen Boken, Coalition for San
14 Francisco Neighborhoods speaking on my own behalf.

15 The Coalition has been attending the Bay
16 Conservation and Development Commission meetings on sand
17 mining in San Francisco Bay. The Coalition's interest
18 goes back over 10 years, based on the USGS study on how
19 sand mining in San Francisco Bay is exacerbating erosion
20 and accretion on San Francisco's Ocean Beach, accretion on
21 the North Ocean Beach and erosion on South Ocean Beach.

22 As climate change is dynamic, there are concerns
23 that a lease renewal of 10 years will lock in specifics
24 and not provide flexibility. I have proposed a five-year
25 contract with a five-year renewal clause, rather than a

1 10-year renewal contract. I have also stated to BCDC that
2 concrete production is one of the most polluting
3 industries worldwide in terms of greenhouse gas
4 production.

5 Proposals are now being introduced for using
6 building materials such as mass timber rather than
7 concrete. The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
8 has also provided advice to BCDC that it will -- has urged
9 the Ocean Protection Council to include the waters off San
10 Francisco's Ocean Beach as part of California's 30 by 30
11 initiative marine areas.

12 The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods has
13 also advised BCDC that it is urging the Greater Farallones
14 National Marine Sanctuary, to include the waters off San
15 Francisco's Ocean Beach as a non-contiguous area in the
16 sanctuary as part of its management plan review.

17 And finally, the Coalition is urging a
18 cost-benefit analysis of the upcoming sand mining lease
19 renewals, which would analyze the benefits of revenue to
20 the State from those leases versus the environmental cost
21 of addressing coastal erosion and accretion impacts, which
22 are exacerbated by those sand mining activities. Are the
23 renewals of these sand mining leases in the State's best
24 interest to align with the Public Trust Doctrine?

25 Thank you.

1 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you, Miss. Thank you very
2 much. Is there another speaker?

3 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Yes. Our next
4 speaker is Janet Rodgers. After Janet, we will have Luigi
5 Barassi.

6 Janet, please unmute yourself and begin your
7 comment.

8 JANET RODGERS: I have slide show.
9 (Thereupon a slide presentation).

10 CHAIR COHEN: Is there a slide show with this
11 speaker?

12 AGP VIDEO: Yes.

13 CHAIR COHEN: Oh, great. Thank you.

14 JANET RODGERS: Okay. Thank you. I'm Janet
15 Rodgers, Co-Chair of the Embarcadero Coalition.

16 Next slide.

17 [SLIDE CHANGE]

18 JANET RODGERS: The San Diego Port Master Plan is
19 not an amendment. It is a new local coastal plan and you
20 need to evaluate it for compliance with the Public Trust
21 Doctrine. The public needs State agencies to protect our
22 public access and public assets. This plan eliminates
23 open water views. State of view corridors don't exist.
24 And parks will be eliminated.

25 Next slide.

1 [SLIDE CHANGE]

2 JANET RODGERS: You can't evaluate an incomplete
3 plan. Two major planning districts and one-third of the
4 Embarcadero District seaport project were removed.

5 Next slide.

6 [SLIDE CHANGE]

7 JANET RODGERS: There are new bay-wide
8 development standards. How can you ignore this?

9 Next slide.

10 [SLIDE CHANGE]

11 JANET RODGERS: The Port uses divide and conquer
12 to avoid a full analysis of the privatization and
13 monetization of public lands and loss of public access.

14 Next slide.

15 [SLIDE CHANGE]

16 JANET RODGERS: The recreation open space
17 designation is combining user fee commercial recreation
18 with free public recreation, which violates the principles
19 of the Public Trust Doctrine.

20 Next slide.

21 [SLIDE CHANGE]

22 JANET RODGERS: Combining parks and plazas with
23 golf courses, restaurants, and yacht clubs is a land and
24 water grab to privatize public assets. ROS eliminates
25 definitions which ensure public access.

1 Next slide.

2 [SLIDE CHANGE]

3 JANET RODGERS: What happened to maximize public
4 access? The Port says it can do whatever it wants, which
5 led to a grand jury report which I've submitted.

6 Next slide.

7 [SLIDE CHANGE]

8 JANET RODGERS: The Port will never reach
9 environmental justice goals by monetizing everything.

10 Next slide.

11 [SLIDE CHANGE]

12 JANET RODGERS: What follows is a series of
13 quotes that State agencies and the Port should live up to.
14 Trust lands belong to the public and are to be used to
15 promote public rather than exclusively private purposes.
16 The Port is building a hotel strip, not a world class
17 waterfront.

18 Next slide.

19 [SLIDE CHANGE]

20 JANET RODGERS: Public access is more than just
21 physical access to the shoreline, but also includes
22 affordability and visual access. A wall of expensive
23 hotels makes us look like the Vegas strip.

24 Next slide.

25 [SLIDE CHANGE]

1 JANET RODGERS: The essential Trust purpose has
2 always been and remain water related. And the essential
3 obligation of the State is to manage the tidelands in
4 order to implement and facilitate those trust purposes for
5 all of the people of the state. The embarcadero is being
6 developed for out-of-state conventions.

7 Next slide.

8 [SLIDE CHANGE]

9 JANET RODGERS: Avoiding new additions to the
10 massive buildings blocking San Diego's waterfront, as well
11 as restoring new views to the shoreline, should be a high
12 priority of the port in the future. All of these quotes
13 came from Diana Lilly at the Coastal Commission in 2014.
14 These obligations have been abandoned by the Port. Please
15 don't let this happen.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIR COHEN: Well, thank you. And is there
18 another speaker?

19 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Yes. Our next
20 speaker is Luigi Barassi. Following Luigi will be our
21 last speaker Judy Burch.

22 Luigi, please unmute yourself and being your
23 comment.

24 LUIGI BARASSI: Can you confirm that I'm unmuted?

25 CHAIR COHEN: You're unmuted. We can hear you.

1 LUIGI BARASSI: Okay. Thank you. My name is
2 Luigi Barassi. I'm an elected Board Member of the
3 Crockett Community Services District, which is a special
4 district that does sanitation of -- in Crockett.

5 I'm going to switch my camera to give you a view
6 of our wastewater treatment facility, which is on State
7 lands. This lease just recently expired. And just like
8 some of the other speakers have been talking about the
9 Public Trust Doctrine, this is a critical piece of public
10 infrastructure. It's down in an industrial waterfront
11 type of area. It's primary discharger is the C&H Sugar
12 Refinery. But the town of Crockett also has, you know, a
13 critical need, because that's where all of our wastewater
14 is processed.

15 And I want -- I know this is coming up in a
16 future meeting for the lease renewal on it. And one of
17 the issues that I've been concerned of, as an elected
18 official -- and by the way I'm speaking on behalf of my
19 constituents, but not on behalf of the organization that I
20 sit on the Board of -- is that these improvements be taken
21 into the Public Trust. The typical lease language
22 requires the demolition of them. Our -- C&H has
23 traditionally had agreements or requirements that we buy
24 them out in the event that they go out of business. And I
25 feel that now that this asset has been fully amortized and

1 the investments that were made in the 1970s are complete,
2 that we should no longer be obliged to buy C&H out,
3 because they've recovered their investment in the initial
4 plant.

5 And I think this may be doesn't fit your pattern
6 of how leases typically go, but I think in the case of
7 critical public infrastructure, it is important and
8 desirable to take those into the public estate upon lease
9 of exploration.

10 So anyhow, thank you very much and that concludes
11 my commentary.

12 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you, Luigi.

13 Are there any other members of the public that
14 would like to comment that are online?

15 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Our last speaker is
16 Judy Burch. After Judy, we have no hands raised for
17 comment.

18 Judy, please unmute yourself to begin your
19 comment.

20 JUDY BURCH: Hi. CAN you hear me?

21 CHAIR COHEN: Yes. Yes, we can.

22 JUDY BURCH: I unmuted myself.

23 CHAIR COHEN: We can hear you, Judy.

24 JUDY BURCH: There you go. I unmuted myself.

25 Can you hear me?

1 CHAIR COHEN: Yes, we can hear you.

2 JUDY BURCH: Okay. I -- well, I don't have much
3 to add to -- other than to say that I agree with all that
4 has been said against approving of this eventually. I
5 wanted to say that I'm really sick and tired of refighting
6 this climate endangering industry, the risk of spills, the
7 greenhouse gases Polluting the air, when we know this is
8 against our country's -- our county's settled goals to
9 improve the climate.

10 And about the travel industry, remember, that is
11 an economic issue. If our beautiful place gets ruined,
12 then that affects our economy too, not to mention that I
13 like our environment. That's why I moved here from
14 Redondo Beach. And I don't want to see it ruined. That's
15 all I have to say.

16 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you very much.

17 Any last minute public comment speakers?

18 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: No hands are raised
19 for comment at this time.

20 CHAIR COHEN: Great. Thank you very much,
21 Michelle. Appreciate your help on this.

22 So this concludes our first public comment
23 period. And at this time, I heard some things in public
24 comment that were raised that I'd like to give Ms.
25 Lucchesi an opportunity to speak to.

1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes. Certainly.
2 Thank you, Madam Chair.

3 What I will do is give a status update on the
4 applications from Exxon and Sable for the lease
5 assignments --

6 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you.

7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: -- as well as give
8 some status updates on other initiatives that the
9 Commission is working on relating to offshore oil and gas
10 that I think would be of interest to the people who have
11 spoke so far.

12 So first, we have -- are currently processing
13 four applications from ExxonMobil to assign the four
14 leases to Sable Corporation. These leases include the
15 Ellwood Pier, two mooring buoys, and two pipeline leases
16 that connect the Santa Ynez Unit to shore through State
17 waters.

18 We are still processing and analyzing that
19 information that's been submitted within the parameters of
20 State law and specifically Public Resources Code 6804. We
21 do not have a meeting date identified at this time where
22 we will bring those applications to the Commission for
23 their consideration. What we will do is continue to
24 update the Commission on the status of those lease
25 applications at our -- each of our future meetings. We

1 have a meeting scheduled in October and then another one
2 in December.

3 In terms of restarting the Santa Ynez Unit, the
4 Commission took action last year that put a whole host of
5 comprehensive inspection and survey requirements on
6 ExxonMobil above and beyond any State or federal
7 regulatory authorities have done to evaluate the integrity
8 of those pipelines before Exxon can restart the Santa Ynez
9 Unit. Our team of inspectors, and engineers, and analysts
10 are reviewing all of those surveys and inspections, as
11 they are being conducted both in terms of the proposed
12 methodology and the implementation of those inspections,
13 and, of course, the survey results and inspection results
14 when they come into us. So that is an ongoing process
15 that we are currently involved in.

16 In addition to that, we are keeping very close --
17 in close coordination and communication with State and
18 federal regulators that also have jurisdiction over those
19 pipelines, including the State Fire Marshal, and PHMSA,
20 and BSEE of the federal government. So this is a very
21 high priority for the State Lands Commission and its
22 staff. And we are doing our due diligence across the
23 Board when it comes to the Santa Ynez Unit and the
24 pipelines associated with that. We are always available
25 to meet with interested stakeholders to talk about our

1 progress and our updates. So please don't hesitate to
2 reach out to us as staff.

3 The couple of other things I just wanted to
4 mention. This was -- I think Ms. Krop had referenced some
5 of the studies that we are currently embarking on. One is
6 under a bill that we referred to as AB 2257. And this was
7 passed into law effective last year. And it requires the
8 State Lands Commission to do a cost study among looking at
9 other aspects of what it would look like for the State to
10 engage in negotiations with our existing offshore oil and
11 gas production lessees - we have 12 leases still in
12 production offshore - to terminate those leases early.

13 And so we are doing that cost study now with the
14 goal of bringing that cost study to the State Lands
15 Commission for their consideration at the end of this
16 year. So please stay on the lookout for that agenda item.

17 We are also just issued our solicitation to
18 retain a consultant to help us do a study looking at all
19 of our offshore oil and gas pipelines leases, both that
20 connect State platforms to shore as well as federal
21 platforms to shore. We have a handful of those. And we
22 are doing a comprehensive study at the impacts of those
23 pipelines on Public Trust resources and the marine
24 environment under the specific direction of the State
25 Lands Commission last December. So that solicitation is

1 out. We will be vetting consultants to help us do that
2 with the goal of developing that study and presenting it
3 to the Commission by December 2026.

4 As part of that, there will be plenty of
5 opportunity for public comment and engagement, as well as
6 public comment on the draft study that we will issue in
7 the next coming years. And as part of that direction and
8 action by the Commission last year as well, they put a
9 moratorium on the State Lands Commission staff from
10 accepting applications for any new leases for existing
11 offshore oil and gas pipelines. And so we are not
12 accepting those applications or processing those
13 applications for those existing pipelines at this time,
14 until the study is done. So that can be -- the study can
15 inform the Commission on the future of leasing tidelands
16 for offshore pipelines.

17 Anything else that I may have missed, Madam Chair
18 or Commissioners.

19 CHAIR COHEN: Well, let me tip it to the
20 Lieutenant Governor, see if there's any comments from her.

21 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Well, so public comment
22 is not -- does not make an action item, or an item, or a
23 discussion item. It just seemed to me that since we're
24 here in Goleta, and I think that's the -- was -- I
25 appreciate that you asked Ms. Lucchesi to give a little

1 bit of information, because so many people came down here
2 to be here in person to talk about this issue. And it is
3 really, really important in this public process that we do
4 hear from the public and the people who are most affected
5 by these decisions.

6 I'll just -- one thing I did hear that I hadn't
7 heard about that I would just ask that maybe you can see
8 if you can find. One of the people who spoke mentioned
9 that Santa Barbara had done an Environmental Impact Report
10 that evaluated the pipeline itself, the one within our
11 jurisdiction. Can you see if you can find that, because I
12 have not heard of an EIR that evaluated again not the
13 pipeline when it hits the shore, per se, but underwater,
14 the submerged portion.

15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Certainly. I had
16 not heard that before and I'm not aware of that, so we
17 will look into that.

18 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Thank you.

19 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Thank you. So we --
20 this concludes our first public comment period. And the
21 next item of business will be the adoption of the minutes
22 from the Commission's meeting, which was held June 7th,
23 2024. May I have a motion to approve the minutes or is
24 there any discussion?

25 No discussion.

1 Seeing none, all right lets go ahead and approve
2 the mission -- motion.

3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Madam Chair, because
4 we have Commissioner Perrault virtually, we have to do a
5 roll call vote?

6 CHAIR COHEN: Okay. No problem. May I have a
7 motion?

8 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: So moved.

9 CHAIR COHEN: Okay. A motion moved by
10 Commissioner Kounalakis. Is there a second?

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: Second.

12 CHAIR COHEN: Second by Commissioner Perrault.
13 May we have a roll call vote, please.

14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Certainly.
15 Commissioner Kounalakis?

16 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Aye.

17 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Commissioner
18 Perrault?

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: Aye.

20 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Chair Cohen?

21 CHAIR COHEN: Aye.

22 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: The motion passes
23 unanimously.

24 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Thank you very much.
25 The next order of business is the Executive

1 Officer's report. Ms. Lucchesi, may we have that report.

2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Certainly. First,
3 during this report, I actually want to turn it over to our
4 lead scientist Katie Robinson-Filipp. She's participating
5 virtually, but will be giving a status update to the
6 Commission on the Tijuana River pollution crisis.

7 Katie.

8 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

9 Thank you. Hello and thank you, Chair Cohen and
10 Commissioners. My name is Katie Robinson-Filipp and I'm A
11 Senior Environmental Scientist with the Climate Adaptation
12 and Special Initiatives team. Today, I will provide a
13 brief update on the transboundary pollution crisis in the
14 Tijuana River Valley. Additionally, I will highlight
15 potential opportunities staff are evaluating for the
16 Commission to pursue to help support efforts to end the
17 crisis that is adversely affecting our communities and
18 environment.

19 And there should be a slide presentation. Is
20 that able to be pulled up?

21 CHAIR COHEN: We're getting it. Give us one
22 minute.

23 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

24 Thank you.

25 (Thereupon a slide presentation).

1 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

2 Thank you so much.

3 Next slide, please.

4 [SLIDE CHANGE]

5 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

6 For those not familiar with the Tijuana River
7 Valley region, the Tijuana River Valley is a natural
8 floodplain with tidally flushed wetland and riparian areas
9 that supports threatened and endangered species and
10 includes several federally listed historical and
11 archaeological sites.

12 Nearly three-quarters of the Tijuana River
13 Watershed is in Mexico, but it drains into the Pacific
14 Ocean through the eight square mile Tijuana River Valley
15 north of the border in Imperial Beach.

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17 [SLIDE CHANGE]

18 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

19 The Commission has jurisdiction over tide and
20 submerged land located in and near the Tijuana River
21 watershed. Currently, the Commission leases tide and
22 submerged land of the Tijuana River Estuary to the
23 California Department of Parks and Recreation for the
24 Border Field State park and to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
25 Service for the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research

1 past three years, due to excessive and unsafe levels of
2 bacteria from untreated sewage flows, which pose a health
3 risk to the public. As California experiences record high
4 temperatures this summer, not being able to access the
5 coast to find relief from inland heat is an additional
6 consequence. Residents are also severely impacted by the
7 effects of transboundary flows, reporting gastrointestinal
8 and respiratory illnesses due to poor air and water
9 quality.

10 San Diego County recently approved funds to
11 purchase air purifiers for residents who live in the
12 region due to the noxious odors caused by the flows. It
13 is a critical environmental justice issue that is
14 physically and mentally affecting communities.

15 Additionally, beach closure -- closures and
16 noxious odors have economic consequences due to decreased
17 recreation and tourism. Sensitive and critically
18 important habitats are also at risk of degradation due to
19 the constant influx of pollutants and contaminants.

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21 [SLIDE CHANGE]

22 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

23 In 2023, more than 44 billion gallons of
24 contaminated water and raw sewage flowed across the
25 U.S.-Mexico border into San Diego County. As of June of

1 this year, the International Boundary and Water Commission
2 has reported 33.55 billion gallons of polluted flows,
3 flows that make their way through the Tijuana River Valley
4 and into the Pacific Ocean wreaking -- wrecking disastrous
5 consequences on the environment and our communities.

6 This map outlines the existing storm and
7 wastewater treatment infrastructure within the Tijuana
8 River Valley. Many of the pump stations, collectors, and
9 treatment stations are either in disrepair, due to lack of
10 proper management over previous decades, and continued
11 exposure to heavy overflows, or they simply do not have
12 the capacity to process the transboundary flows,
13 especially during wet seasons.

14 You'll notice that this system of infrastructure
15 spans across the border emphasizing the complexity and
16 scale of the issue as one of binational importance.

17 Click please.

18 I want to highlight some of the current work that
19 is in progress to improve and repair infrastructure
20 intended to treat and process these flows on the U.S.
21 side, the International Boundary and Water Commission is
22 working on repairing and expanding the South Bay
23 International Treatment Plant, which is highlighted by the
24 red box. The facility has not been properly maintained
25 for decades and is currently non-compliant with its

1 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.
2 The International Boundary and Water Commission is
3 coordinating with the San Diego Water Board on the terms
4 of compliance. The deadline to reach compliance was
5 August 15th of this year.

6 However, on June 3rd, 2024, the International
7 Boundary and Water Commission requested that the deadline
8 be extended to September 30th of this year. On July 9th,
9 2024, the San Diego Water Board responded to the request
10 explaining that they would not extend the compliance
11 deadline. The San Diego Water Board continues to monitor
12 the status of compliance and at its August 14th, 2024
13 Board meeting, the Board received additional informational
14 update from IBWC on the status of repairs and the current
15 challenges that they're facing, but presented an estimated
16 timeline for compliance in September of 2024.

17 The Board is monitoring the situation and may
18 determine appropriate next steps for enforcement, and we
19 anticipate an update at the next Board meeting, which is
20 on September 11th of 2024.

21 Additionally, in June 2024, a malfunction within
22 a surge tank of the Hollister Pump Station, which pumps
23 transboundary flows from Goat Canyon to Smuggler's Gulch
24 to the South Bay Plant led to hundreds of thousands of
25 gallons of wastewater to spill into Hollister Street.

1 While work is ongoing to repair malfunctions and bring
2 Hollister back online, the IBWC is also working on plans
3 to expand the South Bay facility.

4 Recently, on August 21st, 2024, they awarded a
5 construction contract for the rehabilitation and expansion
6 of the South Bay International Treatment Plant. The
7 completed expansion will likely take between three and
8 five years, though this time frame could be extended
9 depending on funding and any issues that could come up.

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11 On the Mexico side, the San Antonio de los Buenos
12 plant is undergoing construction. It is currently
13 non-functional and has been discharging 40 million gallons
14 of wastewater per day into the Pacific ocean. Mexican
15 officials have -- expect that the facility will be online
16 by the end of September or early October. While this will
17 mark a major improvement in the region towards improving
18 water quality and the ocean south of the border as the
19 facility will treat 25 million gallons of wastewater per
20 day from Tijuana into the Pacific, it will not treat the
21 current diverted Tijuana River flows.

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23 Mexico is also working on rehabilitating an
24 international collector pipeline, which is intended to
25 transport wastewater to the South Bay facility. But due

1 to many fractures and leaks, contributes to the polluted
2 flows that are flowing into Tijuana River. Unfortunately,
3 when construction is in progress, the Mexican pump station
4 is shut down and an extra tens of millions of gallons of
5 wastewater flows into the South Bay facility or into the
6 Tijuana River Channel.

7 Construction is expected to wrap up this summer,
8 which will hopefully address some of these flows.

9 However, there is an issue of ongoing excess sediment
10 flows of unknown origin and the IBWC is coordinating with
11 Mexican officials to determine the source and further to
12 determine how to address these excess flows.

13 Next slide, please.

14 [SLIDE CHANGE]

15 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

16 The Commission has been active calling attention
17 to the crisis and advocating for action. The Commission
18 and its staff have provided comments on the environmental
19 review of infrastructure projects, advocated and supported
20 legislation to direct funding and resources towards
21 addressing the crisis, and in April 2022, was part of a
22 coalition of government agencies and clean water advocates
23 involved reaching a settlement with the U.S. IB -- IBWC on
24 cross-border water pollution Tijuana River Valley.

25 Staff are committed to identifying opportunities

1 where the Commission can further support and bolster
2 efforts to bring relief to the impacted communities and
3 finally solve this crisis. Currently, staff are
4 developing a new webpage for the Commission's website to
5 help promote public awareness for the transboundary
6 pollution crisis in the Tijuana River Valley. This
7 webpage will help summarize different activities in
8 progress at the federal, State, regional, and local level,
9 and will direct members of the public to the appropriate
10 sources for more information.

11 Commission staff are also engaging with regional
12 and local partners to identify how the Commission may best
13 support them as they navigate delays with federal
14 permitting to deploy mitigation projects in the Tijuana
15 River, planning and mitigation and restoration efforts,
16 and on helping to identify needs for funding to support
17 regional efforts as well.

18 Staff will also continue to seek opportunities to
19 elevate the need for more funding. Solving this crisis
20 requires a holistic approach, as was recognized in the
21 U.S. EPA and IBWC Report of Decision for their
22 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for projects
23 to improve infrastructure. Congress has currently
24 allocated about 400 million towards the South Bay
25 facility's repair and expansion, but an estimated minimum

1 200 million is still needed.

2 The other projects in the Record of Decision are
3 not currently funded and some will need additional
4 environmental review, which are critical to addressing the
5 current scale of transboundary flows. Additionally, staff
6 continue to track legislation at the State and federal
7 level that may help to provide additional funding or
8 services to address the crisis.

9 Next slide, please.

10 [SLIDE CHANGE]

11 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

12 The situation in the Tijuana River Valley is
13 dire. Communities are suffering from health problems due
14 to poor air and water quality. People cannot play, swim,
15 or recreate in the affected coastal waters, and sensitive
16 habitats, home to a diverse array of plant and animal
17 species, are under constant pressure of pollutants and
18 contaminants. Much work is needed to address this crisis
19 and staff will continue to identify ways to support and
20 elevate action. The Commission remains engaged in the
21 issue and staff look forward to providing a more in-depth
22 presentation during the October 2024 Commission meeting.

23 Next slide, please.

24 [SLIDE CHANGE]

25 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

1 Thank you again. This concludes my update on the
2 transboundary pollution crisis in the Tijuana River Valley
3 part of the Executive Officer's update. We are happy to
4 answer any questions.

5 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. We have one question
6 for you from the Lieutenant Governor.

7 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Thank you. Thank you
8 so much. Katie, could you go back to your first slide,
9 the map. I think it was your first slide.

10 CHAIR COHEN: We need someone, someone to --

11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Billy is on it.
12 He's working on it.

13 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:
14 Thank you. So I believe that should be slide --

15 CHAIR COHEN: Hold on.

16 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:
17 -- six.

18 CHAIR COHEN: We'll get there.

19 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Sorry.

20 No, next one. Okay. You had a lot of maps. The
21 one that showed all the location of the facilities.

22 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:
23 Slide six.

24 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Yes. Thank you.

25 There we go. So the international treatment

1 plant that is currently operating over capacity because of
2 failure of one of the major pumps, that is where the
3 current work is being done that's already begun.

4 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

5 So at the international treatment plant, they
6 have been doing some remediation work to clean up the
7 tanks. There was lot of overgrowth in the sediment tanks
8 and so they are working on bringing some of those
9 components back online. And the IBWC has also been
10 working on obtaining spare parts. One of the major issues
11 with the plant is that once something breaks down, they
12 have to wait months, if not longer, in order for the spare
13 repair parts to come in and be developed. And so they are
14 currently working on having a back stock of these repair
15 elements, so that they can expedite repairs when
16 necessary. Some of the work that is currently going on --
17 sorry, just to mention though, what has happened is IBWC
18 has recently awarded the construction contract. And so
19 the design elements will begin and they expect some
20 early --

21 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: For the construction,
22 can you be a little more -- the construction contract for
23 exactly what?

24 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

25 To expand and rehabilitate the international

1 treatment plant.

2 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Okay. And is that
3 going to use up the entire \$400 million budget?

4 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:
5 Eventually. So they will be doing a phased
6 approach to the repair and expansion. And the complete
7 estimates are around 600 to 900 million dollars and they
8 currently have \$400 million dollars. So there will be
9 more funding that is needed to fully implement the
10 construction plans, yes.

11 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Of the international
12 treatment plant?

13 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:
14 Yes, um-hmm.

15 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Okay. So the current
16 state of the work that -- has the design been completed?

17 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:
18 So they've just awarded the contract and so my
19 understanding is that they will be working with the
20 contractors.

21 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: The design contract or
22 construction contracts?

23 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:
24 It's a mix of both, so they'll be working on the
25 first phases of the design and construction.

1 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Okay. And what is the
2 critical path then to get those improvements, at least the
3 first amount that's been funded so far to get that
4 completed, and how would the capacity change between where
5 it is today and how -- what are the -- what are the
6 markers where capacity will grow? For instance, will they
7 bring the failed pump station back online quickly, early
8 enough to deal with flows from this winter? Like what are
9 we anticipating in terms of improvements coming in that
10 will address the flows in these coming months/years?

11 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

12 Yeah. So, currently, they are working on
13 bringing that -- the Hollister pump back online, which
14 will help with some of the current flows. That is part of
15 kind of the ongoing repair process. And they have --

16 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Do you have a time for
17 when they believe that that pump will be brought back
18 online?

19 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

20 Estimated end of September was the last that I
21 heard during an IBWC update. And we're continuing to
22 track that -- to track the status of the repairs and the
23 ordered -- the ordered parts that they have in place.

24 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: And then the larger
25 construction project to add capacity, when do they --

1 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

2 Um-hmm.

3 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: -- do we anticipate
4 that will be up and running?

5 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST ROBINSON-FILIPP:

6 The most recent update that I've read is that
7 they anticipate early construction to begin this year.
8 I'm not sure what the phased approach means in terms of
9 capacity to manage the flows, but I'm happy to look at
10 that, and to see if we can request additional information,
11 so that we can have a more detailed understanding of what
12 will -- how will the capacity shift as they move through
13 this phased development approach.

14 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Great. Thank you.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LUCCHESI: I -- thank you. I
16 just wanted to add that this presentation is a precursor
17 of a much more robust and comprehensive presentation that
18 we will be agendaizing for our October 17th meeting,
19 because we're going to be in San Diego for that meeting
20 and we will be inviting representatives of the treatment
21 plant as well as other entities that have a very
22 significant role in addressing this.

23 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Thank you. Ms.
24 Lucchesi, does that conclude your portion of the agenda?

25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: I just have two

1 things that I wanted to mention --

2 CHAIR COHEN: Oh, two more. Okay.

3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: -- in addition to
4 the Tijuana update. One is on the legislative front. Our
5 staff, pursuant to direction from the Commission, has been
6 advocating for SB 1053 and AB 2236, identical bills that
7 would reduce the plastic pollution crisis by banning
8 plastic bags from provide -- being provided at grocery
9 stores. This follows the Commission's vote in June to
10 support these bills. And earlier this week, our staff
11 participated in a press conference with the bill authors,
12 grocers, Surfrider Foundation, Oceana, and many others
13 calling for the passage of both bills. We know these are
14 important bills for California and for the Commission, and
15 we appreciate the opportunity to show our support on
16 behalf of the Commission.

17 And more information about the bills and
18 legislation that we're tracking this year is located on
19 Agenda Item 69.

20 And then finally, I wanted to make the
21 announcement that we have hired a new Assistant Executive
22 Officer, Grace Kato. And I hope that you'll
23 congratulate -- help me congratulate her on being the new
24 Assistant Executive Officer for the State Lands
25 Commission. I have worked with Grace for almost 25 years

1 and we can't think of a more qualified person to take on
2 the critical and expansive responsibilities of the
3 Assistant Executive Officer. Grace has led many
4 initiatives and programs on behalf of the entire
5 Commission of statewide significance and she is an
6 incredible leader. She exemplifies all the attributes of
7 a great leader. She's smart, thoughtful, has deep
8 experience and expertise, and is fundamentally an
9 extremely hard worker and team player.

10 But most importantly, she is a kind and
11 empathetic leader that has the true respect of not only
12 our entire staff, but of all the people, all the members
13 of the public that she works with. And she is -- knows
14 exactly how to prioritize the Commission's mission and
15 values, as well as prioritizing our staff and ensuring
16 they have the resources they need to do the important work
17 on behalf of the Commission.

18 Grace will be taking over for Colin Connor, who
19 is -- will be retiring at the end of this year and we will
20 be instituting a mentoring and training program to get
21 Grace up to speed.

22 And while you don't see her right now, she is
23 running the show behind the scenes on Zoom right now. And
24 I look forward to everybody in this room and watching on
25 Zoom to get to know her and her to work with the

1 Commissioners to achieve our goals.

2 So thank you. With that, that concludes my
3 report.

4 CHAIR COHEN: Well, thank you very much. Let me
5 see if there's any public comment.

6 Commissioner Perrault, do you have any questions
7 for the Executive Director?

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: No questions, but
9 just offering up a congratulations to Grace. We look
10 forward to working with her more closely.

11 CHAIR COHEN: That's great. Thank you.
12 Congratulations to you, Grace, from us up here on the
13 dais.

14 Michelle, do we have any public comment from
15 anyone online?

16 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: We have no hands
17 raised for comment at this time.

18 CHAIR COHEN: All right. All right. Well, then
19 the next order of business will be the adoption of the
20 consent calendar.

21 Commissioners, are there any items that you'd
22 like to remove from the consent calendar.

23 All right. I'm seeing heads being shaking No.

24 Next, I'd like to call on Ms. Lucchesi to
25 indicate which items, if any, have been removed from the

1 consent calendar.

2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes. Consent items
3 39, 65, and 66 are removed from the agenda and will be
4 considered at a later time.

5 CHAIR COHEN: And the regular items.

6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Those are all
7 staying on.

8 CHAIR COHEN: Okay. All right. Thank you.

9 May I have a motion to adopt the consent agenda
10 and a second.

11 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: So moved.

12 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Motion moved by
13 Commissioner Kounalakis.

14 Is there a second?

15 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: Second.

16 CHAIR COHEN: Second by Commissioner Perrault.
17 Could we please call the roll.

18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Certainly.
19 Commissioner Kounalakis?

20 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Aye.

21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Commissioner
22 Perrault?

23 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: Aye.

24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Chair Cohen?

25 CHAIR COHEN: Aye.

1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: The motion passes
2 unanimately.

3 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you.

4 The next order of business will be the regular
5 calendar.

6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes. Thank you.
7 Item 71 is our -- a presentation and consideration of
8 action relating to the Rincon decommissioning project's
9 EIR and project consideration. Nicole Dobroski is our
10 Chief of our Environmental Planning and Science Management
11 Division. She'll be giving staff's presentation.

12 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Ms. Dobroski, thank you
13 very much. I'm looking forward to your presentation. The
14 floor is yours.

15 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
16 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: Thank you.

17 CHAIR COHEN: Um-hmm.

18 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
19 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: Good afternoon, Madam Chair and
20 Commissioners. My name is Nicole Dobroski and I'm Chief
21 of the Commission's Division of Environmental Science,
22 Planning, and Management.

23 I'm presenting today on the Rincon phase 2
24 decommissioning project. Staff recently completed a Final
25 Environmental Impact Report, or known as an EIR, for the

1 project. And we are bringing it to the Commission for
2 certification today. We are also proposing that the
3 Commission approve certain components of the project that
4 are analyzed in the Final EIR and the Commission adopt
5 findings and a Mitigation Monitoring Program for the
6 approved project.

7 AGP VIDEO: What item is it?

8 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
9 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: That's okay. Item 71.

10 While they bring that up, can you go to slide
11 two, Billy when you bring it up.

12 AGP VIDEO: What's that?

13 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
14 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: Slide two when you bring it up.

15 (Thereupon a slide presentation).

16 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
17 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: Rincon Island was constructed in
18 1959 approximately 3,000 feet offshore of Punta Gorda in
19 Ventura County, and along with the onshore facility used
20 for oil and gas production. These parcels were most
21 recently leased by the Commission to Rincon Island Limited
22 Partnership, or RILP, until they filed for bankruptcy in
23 2016 and quitclaimed their lease back -- leases back to
24 the Commission in 2017. RILP failed to plug and abandon
25 the oil wells and decommission the facilities associated

1 with these leases requiring the State of California to
2 pursue decommissioning.

3 This slide shows the project locations and
4 identifies the project components that are analyzed in the
5 EIR, including Rincon Island, the causeway connecting
6 Rincon Island to shore, a six-acre onshore facility down
7 coast and approximately 1.3 miles to the east of Rincon
8 Island off of Pacific Coast Highway, onshore pipeline
9 connections that once connected Rincon Island to the
10 onshore facility, and a State Coastal Conservancy, or a
11 SCC parcel, located adjacent to the causeway abutment in
12 Mussel Shoals.

13 The SCC parcel was not associated with the oil
14 and gas production operations, but was included in the EIR
15 at the request of the State Coastal Conservancy due to its
16 proximity to the Rincon facilities and the potential to
17 protect and enhance Public Trust resources at this site.

18 Coastal Conservancy and Commission staff have
19 discussed a potential transfer of jurisdiction of the
20 parcel from the Conservancy to the Commission, but no such
21 transfer has yet been authorized. Because the Commission
22 does not currently have jurisdiction over the SCC parcel,
23 Commission staff do not recommend that the Commission
24 approve the SCC parcel component of the project at this
25 time.

1 Next slide, please.

2 [SLIDE CHANGE]

3 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
4 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: The three phases of the Rincon
5 planning and decommissioning project are shown on this
6 slide. Phase one of the Rincon decommissioning included
7 the plugging and abandonment of all oil and gas wells and
8 removal of surface equipment at Rincon island, the onshore
9 facility, and adjacent privately owned coast ranch parcel,
10 which was completed in June of 2021.

11 Phase two of the Rincon commissioning effort, our
12 current phase, included development of a feasibility
13 study, followed by preparation of the EIR, in accordance
14 with CEQA. We are now at the end of the phase two -- of
15 phase two, which will conclude with certification of the
16 EIR and Commission approval of the decommissioning
17 project.

18 Phase three will consist of securing funding and
19 implementation of the decommissioning project approved by
20 the Commission.

21 Next slide, please.

22 [SLIDE CHANGE]

23 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
24 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: The next few slides show the
25 current condition of the sites evaluated in the EIR. This

1 slide shows Rincon Island in its current condition. As
2 you can see, a few structures remain on the island. There
3 is also a wharf attached to the island, which allows
4 access by boat. The island is currently under caretaker
5 status, which includes daily monitoring.

6 Next slide, please.

7 [SLIDE CHANGE]

8 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
9 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: The picture on the left on this
10 slide is of the onshore facility, which after phase one is
11 clear of all surface structures. The picture on the right
12 is the vault box that is the access point for the onshore
13 pipeline connections that previously connected Rincon
14 Island to the onshore facility. Those pipelines
15 previously ran along the causeway, but that portion of the
16 line was removed during phase one.

17 The pipelines now run from the causeway abutment
18 under Ocean Avenue along -- under Highway 1 and the Union
19 Pacific railroad crossing to the vault box.

20 Next slide, please.

21 [SLIDE CHANGE]

22 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
23 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: This is a picture of the SCC
24 parcel adjacent to the causeway abutment in Mussel Shoals.
25 As I mentioned earlier, this parcel was not part of the

1 Rincon oil and gas development operations, but was
2 included in the EIR pursuant to conservancy's request.

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5 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
6 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: This flowchart outlines the
7 phase two planning decision process. The box outlined in
8 red indicates where we are now in the process, which is
9 the Commission's consideration of the EIR for
10 certification and of a project for approval. Commission
11 staff have engaged with the public, tribes, and government
12 agencies throughout the phase two process.

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15 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
16 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: The feasibility study that
17 kicked off phase two was finalized in July of 2022, after
18 a 60-day public comment period on the draft study. At its
19 August 23, 2022 meeting, the Commission considered the
20 feasibility findings -- study findings and authorized
21 staff to proceed with preparation of the EIR, and approve
22 staff's recommendation for the proposed project to be
23 analyzed in the EIR.

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1 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
2 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: When the Commission considered
3 the feasibility study at its August 2022 meeting, the
4 Commission authorized staff to exclude complete removal of
5 the island from further analysis, as an alternative in the
6 EIR, due to the infeasibility of completely removing the
7 island.

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10 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
11 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: Additionally, this project
12 analyzed in the EIR does not include analysis of any reuse
13 proposals for Rincon island or the onshore facility. Some
14 parties have expressed interest in leasing one or more of
15 these sites for Public Trust consistent uses. The
16 Commission has not yet received any applications for
17 reuse. Any applications for reuse would be subject to
18 additional review under CEQA.

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21 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
22 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: Although the EIR does not
23 include any analysis of reuse proposals, in Item 72, so
24 the next item on today's agenda, staff has requested
25 authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Intent with

1 the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation to explore
2 opportunities for co-management of Rincon Island and the
3 onshore facility.

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6 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
7 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: I'd like to focus now on the
8 CEQA process and the development of the EIR for the phase
9 two Rincon decommissioning project. This slide shows the
10 CEQA process beginning with the Notice of Preparation and
11 public scoping, followed by public review of the Draft
12 EIR, publication of the Final EIR, and now Commission
13 consideration of the documents for certification.

14 I'd like to say how appreciative staff has been
15 of the ongoing public, tribal, and agency participation,
16 which has been instrumental in guiding development of the
17 final document.

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20 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
21 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: The proposed project, as
22 evaluated in the EIR, includes retention of the causeway
23 in its current configuration, removal of remnant buildings
24 on the island, and remediation of the contaminated soil in
25 the island core. The onshore pipelines that currently run

1 from the end of the causeway to the vault box would be
2 removed and clean -- or cleaned and grouted and abandoned
3 in place. And the hydrocarbon contamination on the
4 onshore facility would be remediated through one of five
5 options.

6 The parcel owned by the Coastal Conservancy is
7 included in the EIR project description. Three potential
8 options to modify the parcel were considered that include
9 some upgrades to both the upland vegetation, public use
10 and access, and potential shoreline protection.

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13 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
14 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: As required by the -- by CEQA,
15 the EIR assessed the potential for the proposed project to
16 cause environmental impacts to a wide variety of resource
17 areas. This slide lists those key elements that were
18 analyzed in the EIR, as required by CEQA, and additional
19 considerations not required by CEQA, but that Commission
20 staff consider critical to a comprehensive review of a
21 project, including climate change, fishing, and
22 environmental justice.

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25 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT

1 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: Mitigation measures were
2 incorporated into the EIR to reduce all potential impacts
3 to a less than significant level.

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6 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT

7 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: The feasibility study and
8 comments received during its preparation guided staff
9 development of the proposed project and alternatives to be
10 included in the Draft EIR. Alternatives are generally
11 designed to further reduce potential impacts as compared
12 to the proposed project. However, because the feasibility
13 study was used to screen out infeasible alternatives, the
14 proposed project actually resulted in the fewest impacts
15 compared to the alternatives remaining for consideration
16 in the EIR.

17 Staff also examined a no-project alternative as
18 required by CEQA, which would include leaving all
19 components of their -- in their current state without
20 remediation or decommissioning.

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23 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT

24 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: Due to comments received during
25 the feasibility study and in response to the Notice of

1 Preparation, a number of new studies were undertaken to
2 support the environmental analysis in the EIR. Staff and
3 the Commission's environmental consultant looked at
4 various causeway alternatives and the potential impacts
5 that could occur if the causeway were to be changed or
6 removed.

7 Additional studies examined coastal processes and
8 near-shore sediment transport. The impact of the causeway
9 on the Little Rincon surfbreak, the marine biological
10 diversity on the causeway pilings, and bird nesting and
11 roosting activity on Rincon Island and the causeway.

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14 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
15 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: The Draft EIR was available for
16 a 60-day public comment period from March 15th to May 15th
17 of this year. A public meeting was held on May 2nd to
18 receive oral comments. Twenty-two agencies, groups,
19 organizations, and individuals provided written comments
20 on the Draft EIR and nine individuals provided oral
21 comment at the public meeting.

22 Part two of the Final EIR presents all of the
23 written and oral comments received and the responses from
24 staff. Changes were made in the Final EIR in response to
25 these comments and are identified by underline or

1 strikeout in the document.

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4 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
5 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: Agencies and organizations that
6 commented on the Draft EIR are listed on this slide.
7 Commission staff worked closely with Coastal Commission
8 and the Coastal Conservancy as part of a joint review
9 panel for preparation of the EIR. The Final EIR was
10 published on July 16th of this year.

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13 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
14 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: I will now move to discuss the
15 decommissioning project that staff requests that the
16 Commission consider for approval today. That project
17 consists of removal of Rincon Island's surface facilities
18 and remediation of contaminated soils within the island
19 core, decommissioning of the onshore facility using option
20 2, which would include excavation of contaminated soils,
21 pumping and treatment of groundwater, and backfill with
22 clean fill subject to approval of a Remedial Action Plan
23 by the water boards. And decommissioning of the onshore
24 pipeline connections subject to reaching an agreement with
25 the County of Ventura regarding project execution,

1 details, and costs.

2 As previously discussed, staff do not recommend
3 that the Commission include the SCC parcel in the project
4 at this time, as the Commission does not have jurisdiction
5 of that parcel.

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8 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
9 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: The project is estimated to cost
10 anywhere between 10 to 15 million dollars, depending on
11 which option is chosen for remediation of the onshore
12 facility. Estimated costs for remediation of the onshore
13 facility alone ranged from 450,000 to over four million,
14 depending on which option is approved in consultation with
15 the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the State
16 Water Resources Control Board. Note that all options
17 would require installation of a sheet pile barrier wall to
18 isolate the onshore facility from the adjacent coast ranch
19 parcel.

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22 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
23 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: Staff recommends option two for
24 the onshore facility remediation, which is estimated to
25 cost 2.7 million. The Water Board staff have indicated

1 that option two would likely be approved. Thus, the total
2 estimated cost to the project, including remediation and
3 decommissioning of Rincon Island, the onshore facility,
4 and the onshore pipeline connections is 13.9 million.

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7 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
8 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: Depending on the project and the
9 options approved by the Commission, many agency approvals
10 will be required to proceed with decommissioning, once
11 funding is obtained.

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14 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
15 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: So at this time, staff
16 recommends the following Commission actions.

17 One, certify the Environmental Impact Report.
18 Two, subject to available funding, authorize
19 implementation of the Rincon Island surface facilities
20 removal and remediation of soils in the island core,
21 decommissioning of the onshore facility using option two,
22 and decommissioning of the onshore pipeline connections
23 components of the proposed project as presented in the
24 staff report for Item 71.

25 And for the approved project, adopt the

1 Mitigation Monitoring Program as presented in Exhibit A
2 and the CEQA findings as presented in Exhibit B.

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5 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT
6 DIVISION CHIEF DOBROSKI: This concludes staff's
7 presentation. We're available for questions. And the
8 Commission's environmental consultant Padre Associates is
9 also available to address technical questions.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Thank you. Thank you
12 very much for that presentation.

13 I wanted to share that I really think this is a
14 very exciting time. I had an opportunity to tour the site
15 this morning and I had a chance to tour the Rincon Island
16 the Tribal Chair Gabriel Frausto, who is in the chamber
17 with us today. And I just love -- I love the feel of it,
18 ladies and gentlemen. I mean, it was foggy. It was the
19 think heavy fog, but it was still very still and it was
20 peaceful. And it just felt like a very historic place.
21 And this is a good place that we're in to be making the
22 types of changes, remediation agreements that we're
23 putting into place. It just feels like the right thing to
24 do and on so many different levels.

25 I also wanted to acknowledge that I had a chance

1 to review the feasibility study that this Commission
2 approved in 2022. And I notice that the reuse option
3 offered in the EIR before us today is approximately one
4 million less than anticipated the -- for the feasi -- for
5 the feasibility study estimated the reuse option to be
6 around 15 million. So that's a good thing in this tight
7 budget climate.

8 And that I also noticed that the proposal before
9 us today is estimated at 14 million. So, I just want to
10 acknowledge how much I appreciate the staff's attention
11 here to just be responsible to taxpayer dollars. And it
12 is just exhilarating to envision the future transformation
13 that we expect here from the former -- from a former oil
14 and gas operation to a place that will inspire and educate
15 generations to come, not only the generations of children
16 of the Chumash Nation, but also everyone in the
17 surrounding area. And I am -- I'm really excited about
18 that. I think about that particularly as a mother of a
19 little one, and I know the Lieutenant Governor also has
20 children, as does Commissioner Perrault. And so we often
21 look at a lot of the decisions that we look -- the lens
22 that we look through from the lens of a mother of beings
23 that have given life, that have given -- that have birthed
24 life into the world, that have raised it. And so, this
25 part of our work is more than just policy. This is the

1 healing process of healing the earth that has given so
2 much to all of us.

3 And so I really look forward to observing the
4 process, being a part of the process for the next several
5 years, as we work towards the restoration and the reuse of
6 this historic -- of this historic site. And I want to
7 really acknowledge the historic nature of the coast
8 stewardship agreement that we will further discuss next.
9 But this agreement I'm hoping will be the model of future
10 agreements on the way the State of California continues to
11 conduct business. And hopefully, it will inspire our
12 federal partners to also come to the table and be good
13 stewards in partnership with us.

14 Lieutenant Governor, I know you have something to
15 say.

16 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Well, thank you very
17 much, Madam Chair and thank you to staff for organizing it
18 for the Chair this morning and for myself yesterday
19 afternoon to go out to visit Rincon Island and see how
20 much progress has already been made. We have come a long
21 way from those early days of the bankruptcy to today where
22 we are well on our way to turning this into whatever it's
23 going to be in the future. And being out there, it was
24 just really remarkable. You know, there are a few
25 structures left. There's more work to be done. We saw

1 that there are some choices to be made of exactly how
2 we're going to move forward, but I know that we're in
3 great hands with the staff to continue to finalize this
4 process. And I also just want to recognize how much
5 public engagement there has been in this by this community
6 to make sure that this is all handled appropriately.

7 And again, we're in some ways getting to the end
8 of one part of the process, but at the beginning of
9 another. So thank you.

10 CHAIR COHEN: Absolutely. Commissioner Perrault,
11 is there any comment that you wanted to share?

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: Just really
13 quickly, I apologize I couldn't be there in person to also
14 be able to take the tour, but it sounds like it was a
15 remarkable opportunity. I will just say as a
16 representative for Finance that sits across some of these
17 multiple boards, one of them being the Coastal
18 Conservancy, I just want to echo the Chair's comments
19 about the ability to continue to collaborate across State
20 entities, where it makes sense, and when we can work
21 together to be more efficient and collaborative in the use
22 of some of our lands.

23 I also would just like to acknowledge and just
24 state that I -- again, I know it's part of the next item,
25 not necessarily specific to this, but I am excited to

1 continue to talk about what the reuse looks like and how
2 that partnership with some of our tribal friends will be
3 able to continue. So I think we are trying to make sure
4 we're engaging not just general public, but obviously our
5 tribal partners in many different aspects throughout the
6 state. And I think this is another exciting opportunity
7 for us to continue that dialogue and work together to
8 provide an opportunity for them.

9 So thank you.

10 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you, Commissioner Perrault.
11 Let's go ahead and pivot to public comment, hear what your
12 other stakeholders have to say. Any members of the public
13 that would like to comment on this item, please come up to
14 the microphone.

15 Anyone online, please raise your hand.

16 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Yes. Our first on
17 this item is Samuel Cohen. Sam, please unmute yourself
18 and begin your comment.

19 SAMUEL COHEN: Good afternoon. I'm Sam Cohen.
20 I'm the Government Affairs and Legal Officer for the Santa
21 Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

22 I just want to -- I'm very happy that you're
23 certifying your EIR. This is a beautiful area. It's
24 beautiful now and you can -- and you should expect that it
25 was beautiful to the Chumash people hundreds of years ago.

1 And there's quite a history of occupation. At least two
2 Chumash villages were found within a hundred feet
3 according to the Padre report.

4 Normally, we would investigate between the two
5 villages, because that's just make -- it's just obvious.
6 But Padre makes a finding that there is no cultural
7 resources on this site, which I find offensive. But they
8 do make the right findings that they asked for on-site
9 Native American monitors and inadvertent discovery
10 provisions. So with those mitigation measures, I can
11 support the certification of the EIR.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. Thank you for your
14 comments, Sam. Good to see you.

15 Are there any other members of the public that
16 would like to comment on this item?

17 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: We have no hands
18 raised for comment at this time.

19 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Thank you very much.
20 May I have a motion to adopt staff's recommendation as
21 well as a second.

22 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: So moved.

23 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Motion made by
24 Commissioner Kounalakis. Is there a second?

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: Second.

1 CHAIR COHEN: Second by Commissioner Perrault.

2 Can we take a roll call vote?

3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Certainly.

4 Commissioner Kounalakis?

5 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Aye.

6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Commissioner

7 Perrault?

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: Aye.

9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Chair Cohen?

10 CHAIR COHEN: Aye.

11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: The motion passes

12 unanimously.

13 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Thank you.

14 The next item is Item 72. This item is to
15 consider authorizing the Executive Officer to enter into a
16 Memorandum of Intent with that Coastal Band of the Chumash
17 Nation. We may have the staff presentation now.

18 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND TRIBAL LIAISON RAMIREZ:

19 Good afternoon, Madam Chair and Commissioners.

20 My name is Yessica Ramirez and I am -- I serve as the
21 Commission's Environmental Just and Tribal Liaison. It is
22 my honor to present on this item.

23 We are thrilled to memorialize the intent of the
24 Commission and the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation to
25 collaborate on a -- on developing a co-management

1 agreement for the stewardship of Rincon Island and the
2 onshore facility.

3 Staff have met with the Coastal Band on several
4 occasions and the tribe has expressed its deep connection
5 to the coast and its vision for the reuse of this site.
6 This MOI is intended to demonstrate the commitment between
7 the Commission and the Coastal Band to work in partnership
8 on developing a framework for co-management of the site,
9 once phase three of the decommissioning and remediation
10 occurs.

11 This is a first-of-its-kind commitment the
12 Commission enters into and we are excited to continue
13 exploring this opportunity alongside the Coastal Band.
14 This action furthers the Commission's commitment to
15 empower tribal stewardship and it aligns with Executive
16 Order N-15-19, which is Governor Newsom's apology on
17 behalf of the citizens of California to all California
18 Native Americans for the historical wrongs inflicted upon
19 them. It also reaffirms the State's commitment to engage
20 in government-to-government consultation.

21 And Executive Order N-82-20, which among other
22 things, establishes a State goal to conserve at least 30
23 percent of California's land and coastal waters by 2030.

24 With us today, as mentioned previously, Gabriel
25 Frausto, Chair of the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation

1 is with us and he will now address the Commission on the
2 importance of this memorandum of intent.

3 COASTAL BAND OF THE CHUMASH NATION CHAIR FRAUSTO:
4 Good afternoon.

5 CHAIR COHEN: Good afternoon.

6 COASTAL BAND OF THE CHUMASH NATION CHAIR FRAUSTO:
7 Chairwoman, Commissioner. Hi. My name is
8 Gabriel Frausto and I'm the Tribal Chair of the Coastal
9 Band of the Chumash Nation.

10 Having an opportunity to access our sacred lands
11 supports the efforts of a continual cultural
12 revitalization that restores our historical practices and
13 reinforces our tribal sustainability and sovereignty. It
14 is an honor to continue to work with the State and local
15 agencies on this endeavor creating a model for community
16 for future generations.

17 I know we all have children. We want to see our
18 children well. We want to work together. We're not just
19 the Coastal Band. We're a part of a larger community now
20 and we're so grateful to be here with you. We're so
21 grateful to be a part of this narrative that is a part of
22 the healing and a part of the bridge building that brings
23 communities together as we work together to be a larger
24 family, a larger relationship that reaches out beyond the
25 boundaries of the things that have limited us before.

1 So I'm so deeply grateful and I can't express
2 more with our heart that this is something that is going
3 to change the entire trajectory for the Chumash people,
4 the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation specifically, being
5 out there in these sacred places, feeling the energy of
6 the land, being deeply connected to our people and our
7 ancestors, being here as a physical manifestation of our
8 culture. It says a lot about where we are today as a
9 people, and being able to outwardly speak that, and to be
10 honest, and be open about who we are and where we stand,
11 and it shows great progress for this nation.

12 So I'm very privileged and very grateful. And I
13 look forward to the beautiful opportunities that this land
14 will provide for the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation
15 being able to bring culture, and education, and marine
16 science, and the many other opportunities of public
17 outreach and education to schools is going to be great.

18 Thank you so much.

19 CHAIR COHEN: Well said. Thank you.

20 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND TRIBAL LIAISON RAMIREZ:

21 Thank you, Chair.

22 That concludes staff presentation. We're
23 available to answer any questions.

24 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Thank you very much.

25 I'll turn to my Lieutenant Governor to see if she

1 has any questions first.

2 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: I think there's some
3 public comment on this.

4 CHAIR COHEN: Yeah. Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: So I'd like to hear the
6 public.

7 CHAIR COHEN: Sure. All right. We'll go ahead
8 and take public comment on this and then we'll finance
9 with our -- with our own comments. Michelle, could you
10 facilitate the online comments?

11 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Yes. Our first
12 speaker will be Samuel Cohen. Following, Samuel will be
13 Paul Burke. Samuel please unmute yourself and begin your
14 comment.

15 SAMUEL COHEN: Hi. I just want to express such
16 joy that the Coastal Band has this opportunity to partner
17 with the State Lands Commission on this parcel. We don't
18 have a very good track record or model for co-management
19 or co-stewardship in the state of California, although we
20 have -- we aspire greatly to implement such a model. In
21 2021, Senate Bill 231 was introduced by Mike McGuire to
22 return Blues beach to three Northern California tribes,
23 but he forced them to join as a non-profit and then put
24 the land under a conservation easement, so it would be
25 perpetually open to the public forever.

1 I don't know if that's a good model for this land
2 or not. I think your template agreement should be made
3 available to all the Chumash tribes, because all the
4 Chumash tribes have similar connections to the coast and
5 would like to share in the joy of rehabilitating this site
6 back to its former glory.

7 Thank you very much.

8 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you for your comments, Sam.

9 Are there any other members of the public that
10 are online that would like to comment?

11 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Yes. Our next
12 speaker is Paul Burke. Paul, please unmute yourself and
13 begin your comment.

14 PAUL BURKE: This -- I'm Paul Burke for the NAACP
15 of Ventura County. I'm the Environmental and Climate
16 Justice Chair.

17 (Thereupon a slide presentation).

18 PAUL BURKE: I acknowledge we're on Chumash
19 ancestral land.

20 On Item 71, which you just handled, thank you for
21 keeping Rincon Island and the causeway. They'll give us
22 open -- ocean access when the beaches disappear. And
23 thank you for not approving any option on the SCC parcel.
24 None of the three options protects the access road and
25 therefore they don't protect access to Rincon Island,

1 which we need.

2 On Item 72, this item, we support your working
3 with the Chumash. We value the goal of creating an open
4 space for the public to learn about their culture and
5 traditional practices. It's a great location and we
6 support the goal of eventually having public access. We
7 did send the written comments and this slide before we saw
8 the Santa Ynez Band's comment. And we certainly have no
9 opinion on which bands you'd work with. Thank you.

10 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you very much. Appreciate
11 your work and your comments.

12 Is there -- are there any other speakers,
13 Michelle?

14 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: We have no hands
15 raised for comment at this time

16 CHAIR COHEN: Okay. Is there anyone in this room
17 that would like to speak, any public comment?

18 Please come up.

19 MATI WAIYA: Haku, Madam Chair. My name is Mati
20 Waiya, representative of the Elders Council of Coastal
21 Band of Chumash Nation, Executive Director of Wishtoyo
22 Chumash Foundation. We're very proud of the work we've
23 done on marine science on working with tribal communities,
24 Pacific Islanders on a legal front and also on an
25 educational front. We were instrumental in the creation

1 of the Marine Protected Areas. We created the Tribal
2 MPAs. We were instrumental in stopping oil trucking in
3 Santa Barbara and a variety of lawsuits on endangered
4 species, on the science, the biology, and of cultural
5 resources protection, to steelhead or condors.

6 Our work is heartfelt. We're not
7 environmentalist. We're practitioners of nature. We're
8 teaching, empowering, encouraging, inspiring our youth,
9 our future leaders, mothers, and fathers, and teachers.
10 We have an opportunity to write the narrative of a new
11 tomorrow. In this facility that could be transformed into
12 a very giving and educational platform. From our science
13 vessels to study migrations of whales and dolphins and our
14 creation stories of our people from the island. This
15 island represents the embryo of our future, where we can
16 get back on the backwater, build our canoes or tomols,
17 junior lifeguard programs, and waterkeeper programs,
18 restoring, recovering, and conserving the land and the
19 health of our waterways and the threats that we face today
20 with climate.

21 We want a new way of looking at healthier
22 energies and it starts with decision-making. In this
23 country that was born of violence, in this regulatory
24 process, it depends on leadership that we're here today to
25 ask support for of our continuum, of our ability to build

1 and to provide for all generations. Now matter where you
2 come from, or what you believe, or what your faith is, the
3 sacredness, and spirituality, and the continuance of a
4 healthy better world, it depends on us.

5 We don't want to get involved in Indian politics
6 of what this government did to divide our people with
7 federal and State and mission and on and on. It's who
8 shows up. We have a great track record of Cal naturalist
9 programs and giving college credits to students. Tribal
10 legal representation of students that have done internship
11 and fellowship with us.

12 Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation has been around 25
13 years, and we've been very blessed with 30 lawsuits that
14 we fought for the threat to species, culture, and our
15 communities. So to be here today and to have -- to share,
16 not to brag, not to boast, but to look at the example that
17 we've set and we're proud of that, because we're writing
18 that narrative. We're publishing precedent and how we do
19 and how we protect our natural cultural resources.

20 So I want to thank you for giving me a moment to
21 be here with you and to tour the island with you and that
22 we make good choices for a better, healthier tomorrow.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you.

25 I'll let you follow that.

1 (Laughter).

2 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: That was -- thank you
3 very much for coming down, and for speaking, and for
4 working with the staff. I think every time we have a
5 situation like this, it's sort of uncharted territory,
6 because the lands that are subject to the jurisdiction of
7 the State Lands Commission, we are bound to act in the
8 Public Trust. And when we are engaging with the Native
9 American tribes, it creates new opportunities. And I
10 think you mentioned education, which I think more than
11 anything else is so fundamental for all Californians to
12 know the history of California.

13 And I did just want to recognize one thing, and
14 that just had to do with process, because I know that from
15 the beginning, our guiding principles at State Lands are
16 to do outreach and engagement with tribal leaders across
17 the State. This is a different situation I think, in that
18 it has gotten to the point where one of the Chumash tribes
19 came forward with the -- with a -- with a process that you
20 all worked with together to start with an MOU, and that
21 that MOU we agree that we will work together to develop a
22 plan.

23 And so I think it's important that people
24 recognize this is very much a first step and that nothing
25 about it is exclusive to any other part of -- any of the

1 other, I think, 14 Chumash tribes who are here in the
2 region, from being able to come forward and engage in a
3 similar way. And so I think that's very important,
4 because we did hear from one of the other tribes here, but
5 I think making sure that we do that outreach with the
6 other tribes, so that they understand this isn't an
7 ordinary process simply because we're taking these steps
8 to go forward. And we want to make sure that it is an
9 inclusive process, so that by moving forward with an MOU
10 with the Coastal Band, that that document itself is open
11 and available to the other tribes to consider, and to come
12 forward, and to talk with staff about as well.

13 And we again are just at the very, very beginning
14 stages of all of this. And it is a new process. But when
15 I was out there last night, I just -- there is so much
16 about this, and you mentioned just the feeling you had
17 there really is an incredible thing to be standing in the
18 middle of the Pacific Ocean in this way. But there's no
19 question educational opportunities are to manifest
20 something could be really extraordinary there.

21 So I just would like to reiterate -- first of
22 all, thank the Coastal Band for your forward leaning
23 engagement with staff to get to this point, but also
24 encourage the other bands, if they want to come forward
25 and talk to staff as well, that those doors are very much

1 open. Thank you.

2 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Perrault, before I recognize you,
4 I'd like to just ask the Executive Director to -- if she
5 could tell us about the engagement with tribes throughout
6 the process of developing this MOU. I think the
7 Lieutenant Governor raises an interesting point.

8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yeah, certainly. So
9 I would actually take a step back and look at what our
10 engagement and outreach process has been from the moment
11 we had to take -- step in and take over the operations at
12 Rincon Island and the onshore facility in 2017 when the
13 operator abandoned the operations. And from that moment,
14 very similar to the process that we began with Platform
15 Holly and Piers 421 here in Goleta was very community
16 based in terms of being very transparent, and holding
17 meetings, and conducting outreach, not just with
18 communities but with tribal communities throughout this
19 region about the steps that we were taking to both make
20 the facility safe and protect public health.

21 And that foundation of engagement and outreach
22 has existed until today and will continue into the future.
23 So we have hosted many tours of the island over the past
24 now -- can't do the math -- seven years, including with
25 various tribal bands and communities and through various

1 letters, emails, outreach as part of the plugging and
2 abandonment operations, as well as part of the EIR
3 processes itself. We have had numerous conversations with
4 everyone along the spectrum, including the different
5 Chumash bands.

6 And so that engagement has continued. We were
7 very clear in our EIR about the pursuit and priority of
8 post-stewardship of these island -- of the island and the
9 onshore facility and working with our tribal partners. I
10 will also say to the credit of the Coastal Band, they have
11 been engaged significantly from day one. And so, we will
12 continue that outreach. We are in -- we are an inclusive
13 agency and we have a well-established inclusive process.

14 So we look forward to speaking with everyone,
15 especially as we start to brainstorm the vision for these
16 properties on behalf of all Californians.

17 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Thank you very much.

18 Commissioner Perrault, any comment?

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: No further comment
20 than what I said before, but I do appreciate staff walking
21 us through and appreciate the question from you, Chair,
22 about the -- just the -- to elaborate on the engagement.
23 I think that's helpful. Thank you.

24 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. I agree I think that
25 was helpful just to, like you said, step back, put things

1 into context on where and how we got here. Speaking of
2 stepping back, I also want to just acknowledge that the
3 native communities historically have been dealt decades of
4 exploitation, environmental injustice, and frankly
5 genocide. And historical oil and gas operations at the
6 Rincon Island shattered the Chumash people's connection
7 with the ocean and land. And so, the significance of this
8 MOU today certainly won't right the past wrongs and these
9 past transgressions, and we have a long way to go to even
10 make a dent in these past transgressions, and we owe a
11 future debt.

12 However, I do firmly believe that this commitment
13 to pursue a co-management agreement is a step in the right
14 direction. And as you heard from Ms. Lucchesi, as well as
15 the Lieutenant Governor, we are all hopeful that this will
16 be something -- this co-management structure will be
17 something that we can utilize across the entire state.
18 When I think about the northern part of the state, the
19 wind farms -- the proposed wind farms, the -- just a lot
20 of the environmental issues and matters that we have to
21 address with the native communities that are along the
22 entire coastline of the state of California, memorializing
23 this intent gives us a chance to uplift the Coastal Band's
24 knowledge of their own land and will open the door for
25 funding opportunities to increase tribal and public

1 access.

2 Increased education opportunities. And this MOI
3 is a step toward restoring the connections between the
4 Chumash people and the land that they always inhab --
5 inhibited. So I'm honored to be able to sign this
6 agreement today.

7 And with that, I turn the meeting back over to
8 staff, if there's any last minute comments. If not, we
9 can continue to -- all right. We can continue to proceed.

10 May I have a motion to adopt the staff's
11 recommendation and a second?

12 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: So moved.

13 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. Motion moved by Member
14 Kounalakis. Seconded by?

15 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: Second.

16 CHAIR COHEN: Commissioner Perrault.

17 May we have a roll call vote.

18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Certainly.

19 Commissioner Kounalakis?

20 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Aye.

21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Commissioner
22 Perrault?

23 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: Aye.

24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Chair Cohen?

25 CHAIR COHEN: Aye.

1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: It is with great
2 honor that the motion passes unanimously.

3 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Yes, unanimously.

4 I'm -- we're going to take a real -- a quick
5 10-minute biobreak for everyone. We've been going at this
6 for two and a half hours. So, ten minutes, okay? We will
7 reconvene at 2:35.

8 (Off record: 2:26 p.m.)

9 (Thereupon a recess was taken.)

10 (On record: 2:38 p.m.)

11 CHAIR COHEN: So that we can witness this
12 historic signing.

13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: So as we get
14 settled, Chair Cohen, and Commissioner Kounalakis, and
15 Chair Frausto will come around and they will be executing
16 the Memorandum of Intent that was just authorized by the
17 Commission.

18 (A discussion occurred off the record.)

19 (Signing document.)

20 (Applause).

21 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. Thank you so much.
22 Appreciate it. Thank you so much. Thank you.

23 CHAIR COHEN: All right. We'll get a quick
24 photo. Did you guys get what you needed? Do you want to
25 come up closer? Yes, you do.

1 (Laughter).

2 CHAIR COHEN: Okay. Come on in.

3 (A discussion occurred off the record.)

4 (Photos were taken.)

5 CHAIR COHEN: We have time for a song. We have
6 time for a dedication.

7 MATI WAIYA: The eagle represents the
8 (inaudible). At a moment like this --

9 CHAIR COHEN: Hold on. Hold on.

10 MATI WAIYA: Wow. A moment like this where we're
11 honoring decision-making and leadership. You know, our
12 elders when we come through a time of transition, when we
13 celebrate a memory of loved ones we carry in our heart, to
14 the eagle that soars high in the sky and is protecting the
15 land, that's the kind of work we have ahead of us. So for
16 this kind of decision and this monumental moment, I sing
17 you an eagle song, so that we can remember how we all need
18 to soar high and support each other.

19 (Mati Waiya sang a song in native language.)

20 (Mati Waiya spoke in native language.)

21 MATI WAIYA: Grandfather bring that sacred fire
22 into our heart, that light of light, that we were given
23 when our mothers brought us into the world and that it
24 shines bright and keeps our faith strong in every step we
25 take into our future.

1 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Beautiful.

3 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Thank you so much. We
4 are going to continue to dispense with the rest of our
5 agenda today.

6 We are on Item 73. And Item 73 is to consider
7 delegating authority to the Executive Officer to enter
8 into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of
9 Safety and Environmental Enforcement. May we have the
10 staff presentation. Thank you.

11 (Thereupon a slide presentation).

12 SENIOR ATTORNEY FABEL: That would help.

13 Madam Chair, Commissioners, so indeed, this is
14 for delegation of authority to the Executive Officer for
15 this Memorandum of Understanding. Again, to start, my
16 name is Joe Fable, Senior Attorney here with the
17 Commission.

18 Now, BSEE is the lead federal regulator that
19 manages safety and inspections for offshore energy
20 production. And in many ways, they might be considered to
21 be the State Lands Commission regulatory equivalent of
22 federal waters. BSEE manages 23 platforms in the federal
23 offshore -- sorry outer continental shelf. All platforms,
24 of course, are supported by pipelines and conduit that
25 cross State lands to shore, so either are leased by this

1 Commission or grantees.

2 The pipelines, of course, are
3 interjurisdictional. BSEE handles safety on the federal
4 side. BOEM, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management handles
5 leasing on the federal side, of course, State Lands
6 Commission state leasing, and then U.S. Department of
7 Transportation, and CAL FIRE handles additional regulatory
8 aspects. State Lands Commission and BSEE do have a long
9 history, of course, coordinating on pipeline safety,
10 including the development of the offshore California
11 Pipeline Inspection Survey. A bit of a mouthful, but
12 again it's generally a inspection coordinating regime.

13 Now, this MOU it's intended to expand on this
14 formal coordination to ensure consistent coordination and
15 consultation regarding regulatory requirements to
16 facilitate desirable outcomes for both the State and
17 federal government, and to streamline communication and
18 avoiding unnecessarily conflict and duplication in those
19 efforts.

20 Under the MOU, Commission and BSEE agree to share
21 information - that's a key component - related to offshore
22 oil and gas activities, pipeline right of ways, studies
23 and analyses, inspection maintenance, scheduled reports,
24 and incidences, and notify each other of any proposals, or
25 projects, or permit applications submitted for each

1 agency.

2 The second aspect is that staff from the
3 Commission and BSEE will meet regularly, twice a year, to
4 discuss pending projects and implementation of the MOU.
5 MOUs are nonbinding. They don't change or limit the
6 Commission's jurisdiction in any way. They're really
7 statements of policy and just how staff expects to sort of
8 proceed forward on that issue. There's no liability that
9 attaches.

10 Of course staff believes that entering this MOU
11 it's in the State's best interest, because it opens
12 another formal line of communication between these
13 agencies. And information sharing, of course, is going to
14 aid in lease administration we believe.

15 So for that reason, that's why staff recommends
16 that the Commission authorizes the delegation of
17 authority. And that concludes my presentation.

18 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Thank you. I
19 appreciate BSEE's willingness to actively come, and
20 present, and be a great partner in this process. Let's
21 see if there's any members of the public comment that
22 would like to comment.

23 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: Yes. Our first
24 speaker on this item is Paul Burke. After Paul, we have
25 no hands raised for comment.

1 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you.

2 PAUL BURKE: I'm Paul Burke for the NAACP of
3 Ventura County. I'm the Environment and Climate Justice
4 Chair. We support the agreement with U.S. Department of
5 Interior. We ask online posting of all non-confidential
6 materials shared with Interior. If Interior can have it,
7 people in Ventura County can have it. Other agencies put
8 inspection reports online, like water pollutants, all over
9 the country, car safety, and many more. Pipeline
10 inspections are at least as important and of interest to
11 the public.

12 We've had different explanations of what
13 inspections cover. Post them all online and it will be
14 clear what's covered. How do citizens report violations
15 of local rules? The Commission doesn't seem to inspect
16 that. And lessees are supposed to follow local rules too.

17 In the June meeting, the Chair asked for a
18 tracking system for lease violation notices and
19 cancellations. The Executive Officer said this is already
20 part of our practice. We ask you to post that online too.

21 In April and May, we asked for written policies
22 on violation notices and cancellations and we've had no
23 answer. In the June meeting, the Executive Officer
24 summarized the policies. If they're not written, we ask
25 for a deadline for writing them.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you very much.

3 All right. Colleagues, do you have any other
4 comments or questions?

5 All right. Seeing none, is there a motion to
6 take up staff recommendation? I did. I asked for
7 comments. Do you have comments?

8 Go ahead.

9 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: So moved.

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: Second.

11 CHAIR COHEN: No. Okay. Motion moved by
12 Lieutenant Kounalakis --

13 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: No comments. And so
14 moved.

15 CHAIR COHEN: Your comments are your action.
16 Let's get out of here. That's what she's saying, let's
17 move it forward. Okay.

18 Commission Perrault, can I get a second?

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: I'll second and I
20 have no comments either.

21 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Thank you very much.
22 Can we get a roll call vote?

23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes.

24 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you.

25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Commissioner

1 Kounalakis?

2 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Aye.

3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Commissioner
4 Perrault?

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: Aye.

6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Chair Cohen?

7 CHAIR COHEN: Aye.

8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: The motion passes
9 unanimately.

10 CHAIR COHEN: Excellent. Thank you very much.

11 Item 74, next item, is an informational
12 presentation on the recent history and successes of the
13 Commission's South Ellwood Project. Let's have the
14 presentation -- staff presentation.

15 (Thereupon a slide presentation.)

16 SENIOR ATTORNEY FABEL: Excellent. Thank you,
17 Madam Chair. Again, Joe Fabel with the State Lands
18 Commission and we have a presentation. Thank you very
19 much.

20 Just to give a quick factoid, a little bit of an
21 update. So next week, September 3rd, the Commission and
22 its partners will complete the permanent well abandonment
23 of all 30 wells on Platform Holly. This is historic for
24 multiple reasons, but one of the key ones is it will make
25 up the last over-water production wells in State waters of

1 the Santa Barbara Channel. And that goes back from the
2 original wells that were off spudded off Summerland in the
3 late 19th century. So this certainly, you know, an end of
4 an era, to indicate here.

5 So it is my great pleasure to present this
6 informational update on the south Ellwood project,
7 including, as we stated, its successes and plans for the
8 future.

9 [SLIDE CHANGE]

10 SENIOR ATTORNEY FABEL: The South Ellwood Project
11 consists of multiple related components that make up one
12 pillar of the Commission's overall decommissioning
13 program, which we heard today includes Rincon Island, also
14 our legacy well abandonment program, and coastal hazards
15 removal.

16 The first component of the South Ellwood Project,
17 which is the agent -- this Commission has been engaged in
18 for years now, has been the operation and maintenance of
19 offshore Platform Holly, and up until 2023 the Ellwood
20 Onshore facility. And that was to mitigate against the
21 hydrogen sulfide risk emanant from those two facilities.

22 Second component, which we are near completion,
23 as I indicated, is the plugging and abandonment of 32
24 wells, 30 on Platform Holly and two on the 421 Piers.

25 And the third component, of course, is

1 decommissioning. So last year, the Commissioners, of
2 course, were a part of the 421 decommissioning
3 celebration. The next component after environmental
4 review will be the decommissioning of Platform Holly at
5 the south.

6 [SLIDE CHANGE]

7 SENIOR ATTORNEY FABEL: In April 2017, for a
8 little bit of background, Venoco, LLC notified the
9 Commission that they were declaring bankruptcy and
10 deserting the platform and de-staffing the onshore
11 facility, despite being fully aware of the ongoing need to
12 treat the H2S gas and the clear and present danger that
13 posed.

14 The Commission swiftly delegated authority to the
15 Executive Officer to take any and all necessary steps to
16 maintain and end the H2S emergency. Now, with that,
17 Commission staff have undertaken what may be the largest
18 program in this Commission's history, which we are proud
19 to report has achieved or is on track to achieve every
20 goal set out by this Commission.

21 [SLIDE CHANGE]

22 SENIOR ATTORNEY FABEL: Now, since 2017, the
23 Commission has again continuously and safely operated the
24 EOF and Platform Holly. These are two technically
25 advanced oil and gas production facilities. We've staffed

1 them 24/7, 365 days a year to manage H2S risk.

2 Now, we've -- part of that, we've complied with
3 all permit conditions and coordinated with various
4 agencies on facility safety from, of course, City of
5 Goleta, county, State, and federal agencies. We've also
6 returned the EOF back in 2023 to private ownership for
7 decommissioning and that process is ongoing.

8 [SLIDE CHANGE]

9 SENIOR ATTORNEY FABEL: Now, also since 2017, the
10 Commission's contractors have successfully completed,
11 again really on September 3rd, the plug and abandonment
12 Platform Holly's wells, 30 platform wells plugged. You
13 can see on the bottom pictures. On the left is a before
14 of the production deck and then the right is an after, so
15 a lot of removal.

16 What has happened is in late 2022, we completed
17 the plugging of the production zones. That's where the
18 H2S was coming from. So H2S emergency has been abated
19 since late 2022. After that, through a series of testing,
20 we understood that there's nine wells that needed to be
21 remediated, redrilled out on the shallow zones in order to
22 make sure that there's no pressure. That's generally due
23 to the active seep activity, making it a very difficult
24 area to perform these plug -- this P&A. But that work
25 again has been completed with zero pressure. And again,

1 last production wells associated with the platform in
2 State waters of the Santa Barbara Channel.

3 [SLIDE CHANGE]

4 SENIOR ATTORNEY FABEL: Since 2017, this
5 Commission and its contractors successfully decommissioned
6 the 421 Piers, the last oil piers in State waters, ending
7 also again a history of pier-based oil production. Closed
8 that chapter. And again, the key thing, it was done on
9 time with no upsets, the decommissioning aspect of it, so
10 again...

11 [SLIDE CHANGE]

12 SENIOR ATTORNEY FABEL: As we've heard today, the
13 Commission has had great success in maintaining a campaign
14 of public outreach and engagement, not to mention
15 Commission meetings like this. Nine town halls and
16 various outreach have been performed over the last few
17 years. Monthly interagency meetings, so again an ongoing
18 program of discussing with agencies all the issues
19 attendant to this program. And then, of course, global
20 and national media highlighting the Commission's work on
21 this.

22 [SLIDE CHANGE]

23 SENIOR ATTORNEY FABEL: On the agreement side,
24 this agency, the Commission, has entered in numerous
25 agreements, just given the complexity of this. The key

1 ones are the phase one and phase two agreement with
2 ExxonMobil, whereas ExxonMobil agreed to undertake the
3 plug and abandonment, and decommissioning of the platform.
4 And MOU with Goleta regarding regulatory roles, access and
5 use agreements with various landowners, and other tertiary
6 agreements.

7 On the legal front, this situation has created
8 quite a bit of litigation.

9 (Laughter).

10 SENIOR ATTORNEY FABEL: The big one, of course,
11 was the bankruptcies and participating in that. But as
12 the Commission and everyone is quite well aware, the case
13 of the Venoco trustee suing the State of California, in
14 which we did prevail, after a five-day trial in March of
15 2022 in Delaware.

16 Also, this agency has -- sorry, the Commission
17 has made new law. So again, as prosecuting its case
18 against Plains in order to recover its costs, this agency,
19 through an appeal process, has really changed the law. So
20 what has occurred is that Plains, as claiming it's a
21 public utility, had a lot of protections from liability.
22 But again, through the appeals process, new case law
23 developed that Plains does not qualify for some of these
24 larger liability exemptions that they claim previously.

25 [SLIDE CHANGE]

1 well, analyze a project, which will be presented to this
2 Commission, as well as reasonable alternatives that will
3 be informed through a scoping process -- public scoping
4 process that will occur. And through that, again,
5 opportunities for community participation. So scoping
6 will be the large one after we issue a Notice of
7 Preparation, which will be likely early in 2025. That
8 starts the CEQA process officially. As of right now,
9 we're working on baseline studies and everything necessary
10 to develop that analysis.

11 [SLIDE CHANGE]

12 SENIOR ATTORNEY FABEL: And of course, consistent
13 with this Commission's authority and full discretion, this
14 Commission will decide the final disposition of
15 decommissioning along with an EIR, very similar to what we
16 saw with Rincon Island today. So that will be a process.
17 We don't quite have a final date on that, maybe late 2025,
18 '26 around that time frame.

19 [SLIDE CHANGE]

20 SENIOR ATTORNEY FABEL: And with that, that
21 completes my presentation, if the Commissioners have any
22 questions.

23 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you. Michelle, is there any
24 public comment by chance?

25 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: We have no hands

1 raised for comment at this time.

2 CHAIR COHEN: Okay. That's good. Let's go to
3 you Commissioner Perrault, any requests or comments that
4 you have?

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER PERRAULT: No comments or
6 questions. Thank you.

7 CHAIR COHEN: All right. How about your
8 Lieutenant Governor.

9 COMMISSIONER KOUNALAKIS: Just again, we're down
10 here in the region. And so I think it's really important
11 that we heard a little bit of that update. So thank you
12 very much. No other questions or comments.

13 CHAIR COHEN: So it was only a few months ago
14 when we celebrated the removal, as you heard from 421.
15 And now, we've got another momentous milestone that just
16 reinforces the State's commitment to a hundred percent
17 renewable energy by 2045. And it's -- and is a clear
18 demonstration of the Commission staff's commitment to
19 public safety. So I just want to publicly acknowledge Ms.
20 Lucchesi you and, of course, your outstanding staff that
21 is making all in this possible. This is the -- a good
22 example of government following its word and making good
23 on it.

24 I do have one question that I don't see addressed
25 in the staff report. And, of course, as your State

1 Controller, I'm always thinking about the bottom line.
2 I'm sorry, it's just kind of a natural disposition. But
3 with the completion of the plugging and abandonment work,
4 are we still on budget?

5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes, we are.

6 CHAIR COHEN: I love it. It's a simple answer.
7 No explanation needed.

8 (Laughter).

9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: We are -- we have
10 secured State funding to continue our caretaker
11 activities, just ensuring the platform is safe and also to
12 proceed with the Environmental Impact Report. And then as
13 Joe mentioned, we have entered into a series of agreements
14 with ExxonMobil as the former lessee and operator of these
15 facilities. And through that phase two agreement, they
16 have agreed to pay for the entire decommissioning of
17 Platform Holly and its infrastructure consistent with what
18 the Commission decides to -- in terms of the ultimate
19 disposition of the platform.

20 CHAIR COHEN: Thank you very much. Ms. Lucchesi,
21 is there anything else or what's the next order of
22 business I guess is a better way to phrase it.

23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Of course, yes. Our
24 next order of business is our second public comment
25 period.

1 CHAIR COHEN: All right. So if anyone wants to
2 address the Commission on any matter that's not on today's
3 agenda, please come up to the podium or you can raise your
4 Zoom hand and we will call on those who are in person
5 first and then we'll move to the phone and the Zoom for
6 those that are joining us virtually.

7 Michelle, could you call on the first person?

8 PUBLIC LAND MANAGER PELKA: We have no hands
9 raised for comment at this time.

10 CHAIR COHEN: Oh, okay. Well, thank you very
11 much. So that concludes our pub -- second public comment
12 period.

13 Ms. Lucchesi, what's the next order of business?

14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Our next order of
15 business is to move into closed session. Before we
16 adjourn into closed session, I do want to just make a
17 statement regarding Item 70 on the informational calendar.

18 Government Code section 11126 subdivision (c)(7)
19 allows a State body to discuss real property negotiations
20 in closed session, provided that before the closed session
21 the State body in open session identifies the real
22 property concern and the person or persons with whom the
23 negotiator may negotiate. In accordance with this
24 requirement, I announce that the Commission will
25 conference in closed session with its real property

1 negotiators regarding the following item. Item 70
2 addresses four applications for assignment of leases
3 governing the use of existing offshore oil and gas
4 pipelines traversing State waters associated with the
5 Santa Ynez Unit in federal waters, including the Ellwood
6 Pier, two mooring buoys offshore Santa Barbara County.
7 The negotiating parties are the State Lands Commission,
8 ExxonMobil, and Sable Offshore Corporation. Under
9 negotiation are price and terms.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Thank you. So we are
12 going to go into closed session. It is exactly three
13 o'clock.

14 (Off record: 3:00 p.m.)

15 (Thereupon the meeting recessed
16 into closed session.)

17 (Thereupon the meeting reconvened
18 open session.)

19 (On record: 3:46 p.m.)

20 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Good afternoon, ladies
21 and gentlemen. It is 3:45 we are back into public
22 session. I'd like to call this meeting back into order.

23 Ms. Lucchesi, is there anything to report from
24 closed session?

25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Yes. Consistent

1 with Government Code section 11126 subdivision (c)(7), the
2 Commission met in closed session with its real property
3 negotiators regarding the assignment application from
4 ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation of four leases
5 that support The Santa Ynez Unit offshore Santa Barbara
6 County.

7 The Commission, also in closed session,
8 considered the matter involving the Coast Ranch Family LLC
9 pursuant to Government Code section 11126 subdivision
10 (e)(2)(B). At this point, there is significant exposure
11 to litigation against the Commission due to a legal
12 dispute between the Commission and Coast Ranch regarding
13 liability for the remediation of a parcel of land owned by
14 Coast Ranch identified by assessor parcel number
15 060-010-042. This parcel was used in conjunction with the
16 adjacent State-owned parcel known as the Rincon Onshore
17 Facility to produce oil and gas from State leases.

18 To the -- to -- excuse me. To Resolve the
19 dispute and avoid the time and expense of litigation, the
20 Commission accepted an offer by Coast Ranch to resolve the
21 matter.

22 CHAIR COHEN: Okay.

23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER LUCCHESI: Thank you.

24 CHAIR COHEN: All right. Thank you.

25 That concludes the open meeting and ladies and

1 gentlemen, we are adjourned.

2 (Thereupon the California State Lands
3 Commission meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.)

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