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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/PUBLIC HEARINGS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15087, this is to advise that the California State Lands Commission (CSLC), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Project described below.

Project Title: **VENOCO SOUTH ELLWOOD FIELD PROJECT**
Project Location: In State waters, 2.4 miles offshore Coal Oil Point, Goleta, Santa Barbara County

Project Description: Venoco, a privately held, independent oil and gas company, is seeking CSLC approval for the following project: Adjustment of the easterly boundary of PRC 3242 to include approximately 3,400 acres in exchange for Venoco's quitclaim and release of approximately 3,831 acres into the California Coastal Sanctuary. Venoco also proposes to (1) plug and abandon the lower portion of six existing well bores, and redrill the bottomhole locations of the six existing wells on Platform Holly to extend into the adjusted lease area, and (2) install a pipe rack on Platform Holly to provide additional pipe storage and to stage the pipe in the proper alignment for use by the drilling rig. The primary oil and gas facilities that would be used for the Project are Platform Holly, the Ellwood Onshore Facility (EOF), Ellwood Pipeline Company Line 96, Plains All American Pipeline L.P. (PAAPLP) Coastal Pipeline, and Ellwood Pier.

The public review period for this Draft EIR will begin on September 14, 2016, and will end on November 14, 2016. **Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be received by 5:00 PM on Monday, November 14, 2016.**

Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to Eric Gillies, Project Manager, California State Lands Commission, 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South, Sacramento, CA 95825. Email: CEQA.comments@slc.ca.gov * FAX: (916) 574-1885 **

* Please write "Venoco South Ellwood Field Project DEIR Comments" in email subject line.

** If faxed, please also mail a copy to ensure that a legible copy is received by this office.

NOTE: You are encouraged to submit electronic copies of your comments in Microsoft Word format. Before including your address, telephone number, email address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time (including in the Final EIR and posted on the CSLC’s website). While you may ask the CSLC (prominently at the beginning of your submission) to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, the CSLC cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so. The CSLC will make available for inspection, in their entirety, all comments submitted by organizations or businesses or by individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses.

Document Locations: This document, identified as State Clearinghouse No. 2015051001 and CSLC EIR #782, may be viewed electronically, in PDF format, on the CSLC’s website at www.slc.ca.gov (under the “Information” tab and “CEQA Notices” link). Copies of the Draft EIR will also be available for review at the following locations:¹

California State Lands Commission Attn: Eric Gillies, Project Manager 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825(916) 574-1890	California State Lands Commission Attn: Mark LeClair 200 Oceangate Blvd., 12 th Floor Long Beach, CA 90802 (562) 590-5453
City of Goleta, Planning & Environmental Review Attn: Anne Wells 130 Cremona Dr., Ste. B Goleta, CA 93117 (805) 961-7546	County of Santa Barbara Attn: Peter Cantle 123 E. Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2519
Goleta Branch Library 500 N. Fairview Avenue Goleta, CA 93117-1797 (805) 964-7878	Santa Barbara Public Library 40 E. Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 962-7653

If you would like a compact disc (CD) or hard copy of the Draft EIR mailed to you, please contact Eric Gillies, at the above telephone number or email address.

Public Meetings: The CSLC staff will also conduct two public hearings, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15087, subdivision (i), to receive oral or written comments on the Draft EIR at the times and place listed below:

Date: **Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

Location: City of Goleta Council Chambers, City Hall
130 Cremona Street, Suite B
Goleta, CA 93117

Time: Afternoon session at **3:00 PM** and evening session at **6:00 PM**

¹ All documents referenced in the Draft EIR will also be available at this address for public review during the CSLC’s normal working hours (State CEQA Guidelines, §15087, subd. (c)(5)). The State CEQA Guidelines are found in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15000 et seq.

Each session of the public meeting noticed above will begin with a brief presentation on the proposed Project and the contents of the EIR, including alternatives, significant environmental impacts, and proposed mitigation measures. The CSLC staff will then receive comments on the proposed Project and adequacy of the Draft EIR.

A sign language interpreter will be provided upon advance notification of need by a hard-of-hearing person. Such notification should be made as soon as possible prior to date of the scoping meetings. If you need reasonable accommodation, to conduct business with the CSLC staff conducting the hearings, for a disability as defined by the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, please contact Eric Gillies at (916) 574-1890 in advance of the scoping meetings to arrange for such accommodation.

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