REPLACEMENT OF ACCESS TRESTLE

APPLICANT:  Aminoil USA, Inc.

AREA, TYPE OF LAND AND LOCATION:
Tide and submerged land included in State Oil and Gas Lease PRC 421.1, Ellwood Field, Santa Barbara County.

LAND USE:  Continued development of oil and gas resources from an existing lease.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
State Oil and Gas Lease Well No. 421-2 was drilled from a 40 feet by 66 feet sheet piling caisson constructed in 1930 approximately 80 feet seaward of the beach service road. The existing access trestle, piles and understructure are severely corroded and require maintenance.

It is proposed to build a completely new access trestle designed for mobile well servicing units (see Exhibit "B"); once the new structure is completed, the old one will be dismantled and removed.

The proposed new structure will consist of a platform approximately 30 feet by 80 feet connecting the existing well caisson to the access road.

PERTINENT INFORMATION:
1. On July 24, 1980, the Commission authorized the construction of a new access trestle to well No. 421-1, a similar structure on lease PRC 421.1. Aminoil has now decided to replace the access trestles to both wells 421-1 and 421-2.

2. Staff has reviewed the proposed project and recommends its approval.
3. An EIR is not required as this transaction is within the provision of 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2907, Class 3, which exempts construction of a small structure; and 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15102 which exempts replacement of an existing structure when, as in this project, the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure being replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity.

4. This project is situated on State land identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to PRC 6370.1, and is classified in a use category, Class B, which authorizes Limited Use.

Staff review indicates that there will be no significant effect upon the identified environmental values. This is for replacement of an existing facility for which no adverse comments have been received.

AB 884: 10/14/82.


IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN EIR HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH REPORT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PRC 21085, 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15100 ET. SEQ., AND 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2907.

2. FIND THAT APPROVAL OF THIS REPLACEMENT PROJECT WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT UPON ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6370.1 OF THE P.R.C.

3. AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ACCESS TRESTLE TO WELL NO. 421-2, STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE PRC 421.1, ELLWOOD FIELD, AS DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT "B" HERETO.
EXISTING BULKHEAD.

EXISTING WELL SITE.

EXISTING ROADWAY TRESTLE TO BE REMOVED.

PROPOSED MHW-4.71" REMOVED ACCESS TRESTLE PLAN 2712 TIMOCR CAR 4 XIC STRINGERSMLLW 0.00'.

PIPE PILES WELL MP 421-2

ROADWAY

ELEVATION
TRESTLE TO BE REMOVED NOT SHOWN.

EXHIBIT B

PSC 421

PROPOSED ACCESS TRESTLE

PURPOSE: ACCESS TRESTLE REPLACEMENT

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:

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SANDBLPPER GOLF COURSE

AMINOIL USA.