

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 29
was approved as Minute Item
No. 29 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 2/9/82
meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

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1/28/82
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PUBLIC HEARING ON
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)
AND PROPOSED OIL AND GAS LEASE(S),
PT. CONCEPTION AREA,
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Since the November 1979 OCS Oil and Gas lease sales held by the U. S. Department of the Interior, several parcels located adjacent to or near unleased State-owned submerged lands in the Pt. Conception area of Santa Barbara County have received bid bonuses ranging from \$712 to \$65,000 per acre. Oil and gas discoveries have since been reported on several of these OCS leases.

Of the tide and submerged lands available for leasing in this area, staff has contracted for the preparation of an EIR covering possible oil and gas developments on 40,000 acres of these lands. Contracts for additional geological and geophysical information to assist in the assessment of the oil and gas potential have also been let.

Section 6873.2 of the P.R.C. requires that before offering any tide and submerged land area or beds of navigable rivers for oil and gas lease, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on the matter within a city or county adjacent to such area. The Commission is further required to propose, at such hearing, a plan for the control of subsidence and pollution which might occur as a result of "the proposed oil and gas operation".

The Program EIR will discuss the issues specified in P.R.C. 6873.2 and it is proposed, in the interest of efficiency and economy, to hold a single hearing to elicit testimony on the Draft EIR and fulfill the requirements of P.R.C. 6873.2 under the present schedule, the proposed combined hearing should be scheduled in late March or April, 1982 and noticed upon Commission authorization.

AB 884: N/A.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

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CALENDAR ITEM NO. 29 (CONTD)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING, TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT EIR AND TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 6873.2 OF THE P.R.C. REGARDING THE COMMISSION'S INTENT TO OFFER, FOR OIL AND GAS LEASE(S), CERTAIN TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS IN THE VICINITY OF PT. CONCEPTION, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AS INDICATED AS THE AREA OF INTEREST ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

EXHIBIT "A"

STATE LANDS COMMISSION
W 40185

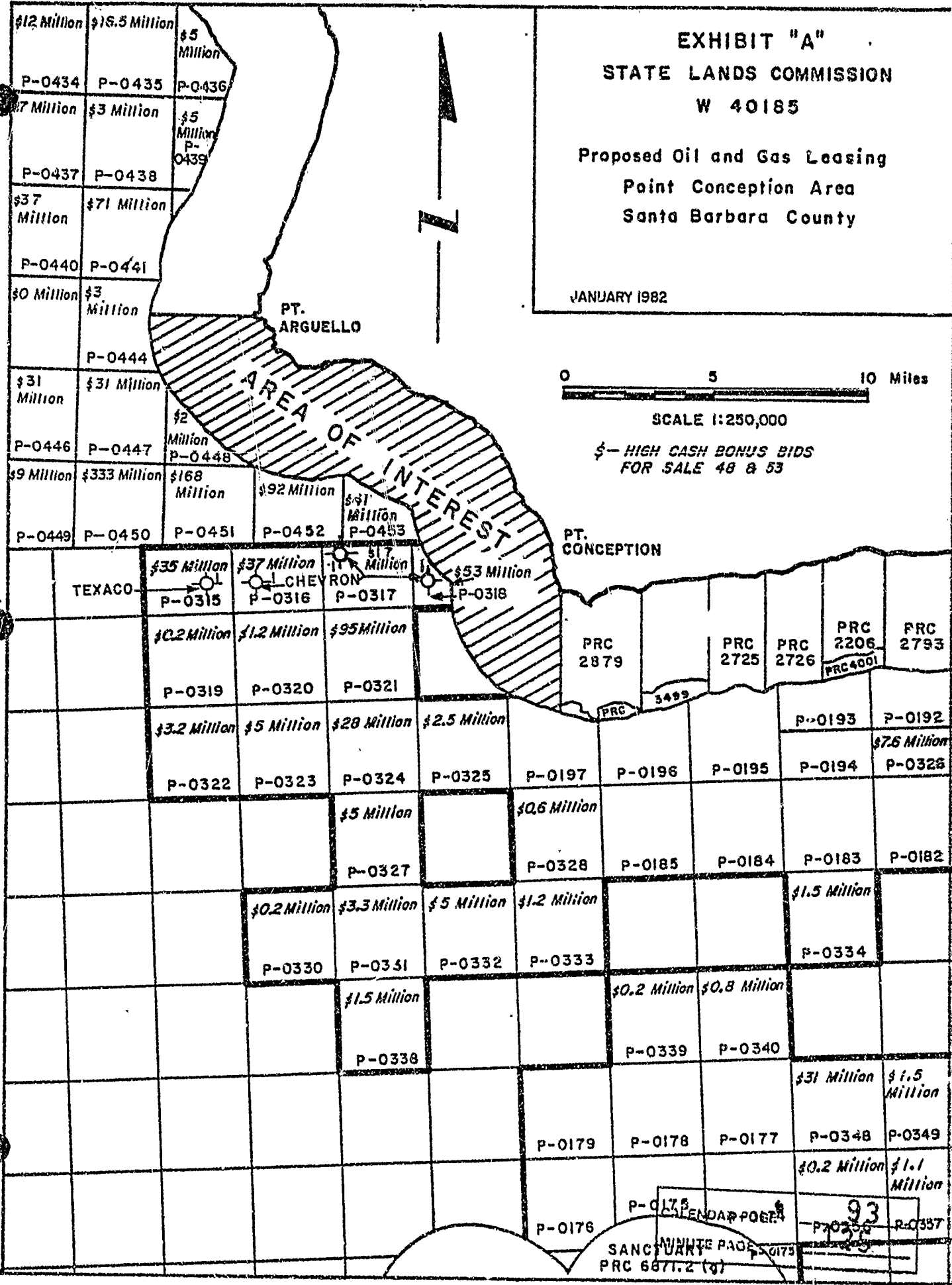
Proposed Oil and Gas Leasing
Point Conception Area
Santa Barbara County

JANUARY 1982

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SCALE 1:250,000

\$ - HIGH CASH BONUS BIDS
FOR SALE 48 & 53



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