

MINUTE ITEM

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No. 52 by the State Lands
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OIL AND GAS DRILLING, PRODUCTION,
AND POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS,
TITLE 2, DIV. 3, ARTICLES 3.2, 3.3 AND 3.4

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the Commission's direction at its December 30, 1981 meeting, the staff has contacted the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) concerning the development of a single joint set of regulations with the Division of Oil and Gas. The staff believes, and OAL has concurred, that a single joint set of regulations with the Division of Oil and Gas, will require notice and a public hearing in accordance with Government Code Sections 11346 et seq.

In order to develop uniform standards for offshore oil and operations, the staff, with the concurrence of the Division, believes a final draft set of regulations can be brought to the Commission for consideration at its March, 1982 meeting. The regulations will then be sent to OAL for publication in the notice register and subsequently set for public hearings.

These joint regulations will be prepared from both the Commission's and Division's existing regulations, and will take into account prior industry comments received during both the Commission's and Division's AB 1111 review process.

Both the staff and the Division will respond to any new comments received at the public hearings on the joint regulations. The regulations, with any changes resulting from public comments, will then be brought back to the Commission for final adoption.

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In addition, to complete the Commission's AB 1111 review of its regulations, the staff recommends that a Statement of Review Completion for the Commission's Oil and Gas Drilling, Production and Pollution Control Regulations, Title 2, Div. 3, Articles 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 be prepared and filed with the Office of Administrative Law by January 31, 1982.

This Statement of Review Completion should identify the Commission's intent to prepare and adopt a joint set of regulations with the Division of Oil and Gas for safe offshore oil operations. The statement should also identify the proposed schedule for accomplishing the development and adoption of the joint regulations.

AB 884: N/A.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DIRECT THE STAFF TO DRAFT A JOINT SET OF REGULATIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS, FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES ON STATE-OWNED TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS. STAFF WILL RETURN WITH SUCH DRAFT FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AT IT'S MARCH 1982 MEETING.
2. AUTHORIZE THE STAFF TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON JOINT REGULATIONS PREPARED BY THE DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS AND THE STAFF.
3. AUTHORIZE THE STAFF TO FILE A STATEMENT OF REVIEW COMPLETION FOR THE COMMISSION'S OIL AND GAS DRILLING, PRODUCTION, AND POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, DIV. 3, ARTICLES 3.2, 3.3 AND 3.4. THIS STATEMENT OF REVIEW OF COMPLETION SHALL IDENTIFY THE COMMISSION'S INTENT TO PREPARE AND ADOPT A JOINT SET OF REGULATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS, FOR SAFE OFFSHORE OIL OPERATIONS. THIS STATEMENT SHALL IDENTIFY THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR ACCOMPLISHING THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE JOINT REGULATIONS.