MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. $\underline{C49}$ was approved as Minute Item No. $\underline{49}$ by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of $\underline{3}$ to \underline{C} at its $\underline{2-21-23}$ meeting.

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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT OF INTEREST IN OIL AND GAS LEASE NO. PRC 8348, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

ASSIGNOR:

Oxy Resources California, LLC Attn.: Mr. Michael D. Gooding P. O. Box 1002 Tupman, CA 93276-1002

ASSIGNEE:

Rising Star Energy, LLC Attn.: Mr. Mike K. Grimm 3141 Hood Street, Suite 350 Dallas, Texas 75219

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Negotiated subsurface Oil and Gas Lease and Right-of-Way Agreement PRC 8348 covers approximately 44.1 acres in Fourteen Mile Slough, San Joaquin County, California.

BACKGROUND:

Oil and Gas Lease No. PRC 8348 was issued to OXY Resources California, LLC (OXY) on August 29, 2001. OXY is the current operator for the lease and will remain so. OXY requests that the California State Lands Commission approve a partial assignment, 33 1/3 percent, of their interest in this lease to Rising Star Energy, LLC. Rising Star Energy, LLC is a privately owned exploration and production company organized under the laws of Texas in 1995 by former officers and managers of Placid Oil Company. Oxy Resources California, LLC and Rising Star Energy, LLC have a business agreement to share interests in California oil and gas leases. To date, no wells have been drilled into or under

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PRC 8348, the drilling term is three (3) years and expires on August 29, 2004.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. Section 4 of the PRC 8348.
- B. Public Resources Code section 6804

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

 Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines [Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15060(c)(3)], the staff has determined that this activity is not subject to the provisions of the CEQA because it is not a "project" as defined by the CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21065 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, sections 15060 (c)(3) and 15378.

2. Assignment forms have been completed and prerequisite filing fees have been paid by Rising Star Energy, LLC.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Location Map.
- B. Assignment Form

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15060(c)(3) BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15378.

AUTHORIZATION:

CONSENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF 33 1/3 PERCENT INTEREST IN

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OIL AND GAS LEASE NO. PRC 8348 FROM OXY RESOURCES CALIFORNIA, LLC TO RISING STAR ENERGY, LLC, WITH THE ASSIGNEE TO BE BOUND BY ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE.

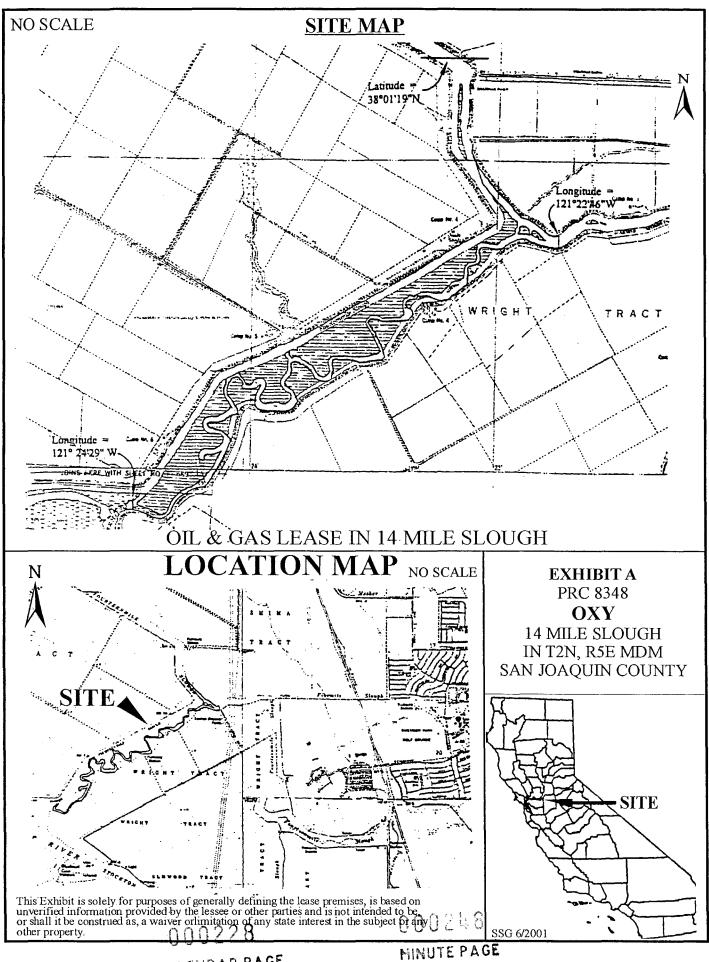
AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENT NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS ASSIGNMENT.

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EXHIBIT A

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EXHIBIT B

STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION

STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE -ASSIGNMENT FORM-

OXY Resources California, LL(Assignor), as the holder of a 100.00 percent interest in State Oil

and Gas Lease PRC <u>8348</u>, issued on <u>9/17/2001</u>, assigns <u>33, 3333</u> percent

of its undivided right, title and interest under this lease toRising Star Energy, L.L.C. (Assignee).

Assignee accepts the assignment of this lease and agrees to perform in the manner provided in the lease the conditions, covenants and agreements to be kept and performed by the Assignor and to be bound by the terms of the lease, including any modifications and collateral agreements, to the same extent as the Assignor.

ASSIGNOR:

OXY Resources California, LLC Name of Assignor

P. O. Box 1002

Address

Tupman, California 93276-1002 City, State, Zip Code

By: Ton Signature

> Michael D. Gooding Name of Officer

Attorney in Fact

Title

October 22 ,200Z Date

All signatures must be acknowledged.

ASSIGNEE:

Rising Star Energy, L.L.C. Name of Assignee

3141 Hood Street, Suite 350 Address

Dallas, Texas 75219

City, State, Zip Code

Bv:

Signature Mike K. Grimm

Mike K Grimm Name of Officer

President

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THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA § COUNTY OF Kern

On October 22, 2002 before me, Heather Van Alkel . a Notarv Public, personally appeared <u>Michael D. Gooding</u>, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted. executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS

On Sectember 20, 2002 before me, Mare

Notary Public, personally appeared Mike K. Grimm, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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