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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF
QUALIFYING MILES FOR SUBVENTIONS
TO CITIES AND COUNTIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009,
ORANGE, LOS ANGELES, VENTURA, AND
SANTA BARBARA COUNTIES**

APPLICANT:

California State Lands Commission
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BACKGROUND:

Public Resources Code section 6817 provides for subventions of State tidelands oil and gas lease revenues to cities and counties under conditions described below, and requires the California State Lands Commission to report to the State Controller the amounts of revenues to be used for purposes of calculating subventions.

Public Resources Code section 6817 (a) provides that subventions shall be made to cities or counties that have within their boundaries active State tidelands oil and gas leases and that own or operate parks (public beaches) free of charge to the public for recreational purposes. In the case of the counties, these parks must be immediately adjacent to and have common frontage with an active State tidelands oil and gas lease.

The subventions made to a qualifying city or county for each fiscal year are determined by a subvention distribution formula in section 6817(a). A qualifying city or county may obtain one percent of the oil and gas revenues the State

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receives during a fiscal year from leases within its boundaries. The one percent share, however, may be limited to a maximum of \$100,000 for every mile or portion of a mile of qualifying beach park frontage owned or operated by the city or county. However, that limitation on the amount that may be apportioned to each city or county in each year does not apply to revenues from leases within the limits of the particular county or city that exceed the revenues paid to the State during the 1983-84 fiscal year.

In addition to the subventions that may be obtained under the provisions of Public Resources Code section 6817 (a), a city or county having within its boundaries a State tidelands oil and gas lease or leases may receive twenty percent of the revenues paid to the State for production of oil, gas and other hydrocarbons from the lease or leases, but not to exceed a total of \$200,000,000, adjusted for inflation, over a 20 year period. The oil, gas, or other hydrocarbons, however, must have been extracted under circumstances specified in the statute. These additional revenues and the circumstances under which they are payable are provided by subsections (b) and (c) of Public Resources Code section 6817, added by Chapter 613 of the Statutes of 1996. No cities or counties ever have qualified for these additional revenues.

With respect to each city and county, the apportionment for any given fiscal year shall be based upon the physical facts existing on June 30 of the preceding fiscal year. As of June 30, 2008, based on verification letters received by Commission staff from the cities and counties, the qualifying mileage upon which subventions for fiscal year 2008-2009 are to be based are listed in Exhibit A (attached hereto). The list of leases from which the subventions are payable for the qualifying cities and counties for fiscal year 2008-2009 is in Exhibits B and C (attached hereto).

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. Public Resources Code Section 6817.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

1. 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.

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2. The California State Lands Commission, at the time of remitting revenues to the State Treasurer, shall report to the State Controller the total amount of revenue received from tide and submerged lands shown with respect to each city or county to which such amount is applicable.
3. Subventions for fiscal year 2007-2008 were as follows:

City of Huntington Beach	\$315,535.15
City of Seal Beach	\$95,438.51
City of Long Beach*	\$151,058.59
City of Carpinteria	\$47.54
County of Ventura	\$39,265.90
County of Santa Barbara	\$100,000.00
Total	\$701,335.29

*The city of Long Beach exceeded the 1983-84 fiscal year for lease PRC 3455

EXHIBITS:

- A. Cities and Counties Qualifying for Subventions and Qualifying Mileage, as of June 30, 2008.
- B. Subvention Leases for the Qualifying Cities and Counties for Current FY 2008-2009.
- C. Individual Main Zone Leases Associated with PRC 91 Main Zone Pool for Current FY 2008-2009.

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A (not a "development project" subject to the Act)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDINGS:

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:

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APPROVE THE QUALIFYING BEACHES AND PARKS, AS REPORTED BY CITIES AND COUNTIES, AND VERIFY THIS QUALIFYING MILEAGE AS A BASIS FOR SUBVENTIONS IN FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.

APPROVE THE REPORTING OF REVENUE BASED ON THE APPROVED QUALIFIED MILEAGES TO THE STATE CONTROLLER AS REQUIRED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 6817.