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### **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO CERTIFY FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC or Commission) staff has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), identified as State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2005061013 and CSLC EIR No. 732, for the Revised PRC 421 Recommissioning Project (Project). The CSLC is the lead agency for the proposed Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) because the CSLC has the principal responsibility for approving or denying the Project. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2906, CSLC staff is providing an opportunity for public review of the Final EIR.

The CSLC will review and consider certification of the Final EIR, and, if the Final EIR is certified, to take action on the proposed Project at the **next scheduled meeting of the State Lands Commission on Wednesday, December 17, 2014**, in the Los Angeles area. Further details regarding the Commission meeting will be provided on the CSLC's website at [www.slc.ca.gov](http://www.slc.ca.gov) as they become available.

Venoco, Inc. (Venoco) has proposed to return offshore State Oil and Gas Lease No. PRC 421 to oil production using an existing shoreline well (Well 421-2), which has been shut-in since 1994. The Project involves the following components.

- Well 421-2, located offshore in CSLC jurisdiction, would be recommissioned using an existing pier (Pier 421-2), straddling the City of Goleta's and CSLC's jurisdiction, located southeast of what is commonly known as Haskell's Beach.
- Water and gas from crude oil emulsion extracted from Well 421-2 would be separated at the existing Ellwood Onshore Facility (EOF) in the City of Goleta.
- Infrastructure associated with Well 421-2 production would be upgraded, including repair of caisson walls, a new electrical submersible pump, well safety equipment, and a new flowline to the EOF.
- A second well (Well 421-1), which is located on an adjacent pier (Pier 421-1), would be decommissioned and removed.
- The estimated productive life of PRC 421 is 20 years. Estimated production during the first month is 150 barrels of oil per day (BOPD). Instantaneous oil production rate is not projected to exceed 500 BOPD. After two years, production is anticipated

to taper off to approximately 50 BOPD, matching the well's last 10 years of continuous historical production.

The Recirculated Draft EIR was circulated for a 60-day public review period beginning Thursday, July 24, 2014, and ending Wednesday, September 24, 2014. The Final EIR is comprised of the full text of the Recirculated Draft EIR and subsequent changes, and includes the information below.

- Preface (Part I).
- Comments and Responses to Comments received on the July 2014 Recirculated Draft EIR during the 60-day public comment period, including a list of persons, organizations, and public agencies that provided comments (Part II).
- Revisions to the July 2014 Recirculated Draft EIR and any other information added to the EIR (Part III).
- The Mitigation Monitoring Program (Part III, EIR Section 6.0).

The Final EIR has been prepared for the CSLC pursuant to CEQA and in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.) The State CEQA Guidelines stipulate that an EIR must be prepared for any project that may have a significant impact on the environment. The Project is a "project" as defined by the State CEQA Guidelines. Upon preliminary review, CSLC staff determined that the Project may have a significant adverse impact on the environment and, therefore, an EIR was required. The Final EIR may be viewed electronically, in PDF format, on the CSLC's website at [www.slc.ca.gov](http://www.slc.ca.gov) (under the "Information" tab and "CEQA Updates" link). Copies of the Final EIR will also be available for review at the following locations:

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Santa Barbara Public Library 40 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 962-7653	City of Goleta, Attn: Anne Wells 130 Cremona, Suite B Goleta, CA 93117 (805) 961-7557
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If you would like a compact disc (CD) or hard copy of the Final EIR mailed to you, or if you have any questions or need further information, please contact Eric Gillies at the above contact address or telephone number or via email at [Eric.Gillies@slc.ca.gov](mailto:Eric.Gillies@slc.ca.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> All documents referenced in the EIR will also be available at this address for public review during normal working hours. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15087, subd. (c)(5).)