



Date of Notice: October 30, 2015
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PRC 421 Access Road Maintenance and Repair Project
Case No. 15-004-DP and 15-003-CDP
15-135-MND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Goleta has completed a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project described below, and invites comments on the adequacy and completeness of the environmental analysis described in the Draft MND. The public comment period begins on October 30, 2015 and will end on December 4, 2015 at 12:00 P.M. All interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments. All letters should be addressed to Planning and Environmental Review, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117, to the attention of Anne Wells, Advance Planning Manager, Tel: (805) 961-7557; Fax: (805) 961-7551; awells@cityofgoleta.org. **All comments must be received no later than Friday, December 4, 2015 at 12:00 P.M.**

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located on State Oil and Gas Lease No. PRC 421 (PRC 421) access road which is on APN 079-210-059. The parcel is owned by Sandpiper Golf Course. Venoco Inc. ("Venoco") (the project applicant) has a forty foot wide easement for use and maintenance of the PRC 421 access road, originating at the northwest corner of the Ellwood Onshore Facility (EOF). The easement runs along the western perimeter of the EOF, through a portion of the Sandpiper Golf Course, and then southwest along the coastal bluff for approximately 1,600 feet. The easement terminates at the PRC 421-1 and 421-2 piers.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Venoco requests approval of a Development Plan and a Coastal Development Permit for periodic maintenance and repairs to the PRC 421 access road for five years. Future activities on the road would include standard maintenance and repair of the PRC 421 access road in order to allow continued safe and passable access to Venoco's 421-1 and 421-2 piers. The following specific activities would be covered by the permit:

- Perform routine and typical storm maintenance involving the removal of any muddy materials that slough off of the inland bluff and are deposited on the surface of the roadway and install 2-3" of road base to restore an all-weather surface.
- Repair pot holes in the roadway created by runoff. The potholes would be repaired by excavating to a sufficient depth and then filling with angular large rock (4"-12" size rock), crushed rock (approximately 2" size) and finally road base until a drivable surface is restored.
- Repair and/or replace rip rap lining the access road. Displaced rip rap will be relocated using heavy equipment. Operation of the heavy equipment will occur on the access road and not from the beach or from any other adjacent sensitive habitat areas. The equipment used for each maintenance or repair event would vary depending on the necessary level of work.

Additionally, the project includes activities completed to repair and maintain the PRC 421 access road in the past. Past major maintenance activities consist of the addition of rock and plywood. Rock was placed on the seaward side of the road at specific locations, behind the seawall. The purpose of the rock is to stabilize the road fill. Plywood was used to control erosion resulting from road backfill. While the plywood is not structural, the plywood fills in gaps in the wood sheet piles (retaining wall) to prevent the backfill from migrating to the beach. Additional maintenance has included the removal of muddy materials that slough off the inland bluff and are deposited on the surface of the roadway, installation of 2-3" of road base to replace the removed material, and restoration of an all-weather surface.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: A Draft MND has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the *State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* (CEQA). The Draft IS-MND states that any potential impacts of the proposed project can be mitigated

to less than significant. The Draft MND identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, monitoring requirements, and residual impacts for the identified subject areas. Potentially significant effects on the environment that can be mitigated are anticipated in the following area: **Biological Resources**.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft MND is available for public review at the City of Goleta Planning and Environmental Review Department, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, California and at the Goleta library on and after October 30, 2015. Copies of the Draft MND are also available in electronic format (CD) for \$7.00 per CD. The document is posted on the City's web site at www.cityofgoleta.org.

Note: If you challenge the City's final action on this project in court, you may be limited to only those issues you or someone else raised in written or oral testimony and/or evidence provided to Planning and Environmental Review on or before the date that the public comment period ends (Government Code Section 65009(b)[2]).

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