

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

In the Matter of Temporary)
Permit 19884 (Application 28896))
Celeron Oil and Gas Company)
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Order: WR 86-11
Source: Sisquoc River
County: Santa Barbara

ORDER VALIDATING THE ISSUANCE
OF TEMPORARY PERMIT

BY THE BOARD:

Celeron Oil and Gas Company, hereinafter referred to as Celeron Oil, having filed Application 28896 for a Temporary Urgency Permit to divert and use unappropriated water pursuant to Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 1425), Part 2, Division 2 of the California Water Code; the Board having reviewed available records, files and decisions which relate to the availability of unappropriated water and having consulted with the California Department of Fish and Game; the Board having concluded from available information that Celeron Oil qualifies for a Temporary Permit to divert and use water as provided by Water Code Section 1425, the Board finds as follows:

Substance of the Application

1. On September 16, 1986, Celeron Oil applied for a temporary permit to divert water at a rate of 0.3 cubic foot per second, not to exceed a total of 17 acre-feet, from the Sisquoc River underflow. The water is to be used for the hydrostatic testing of an approximately 30 mile section of 30-inch diameter crude oil pipeline which extends from a point commencing approximately 2½ miles east of Gaviota to a point approximately 6 miles east of the Sisquoc River. The entire length of pipeline extends cross-country from the offshore oil fields in Santa Barbara County to Texas.
2. Upon project completion, the water will be discharged at three locations. At the Sisquoc River crossing, the water will be discharged back to the Sisquoc River. At the other discharge locations, water will be discharged to dry washes. The water will be tested and treated if required and released in a manner that will minimize erosion. The pipe used in construction contains no pipeline coatings or chemical treatments. No chemical treatment will be added to the test water.
3. Riparian water rights pertaining to the pipeline easement were retained by the property owner, the Flood Ranch Company, and are not economically available for this pipe testing.

Temporary Need

4. Celeron Oil has a temporary, immediate and pressing need to divert and use water to pressure test the crude oil pipeline. An alternate source of water is not available to the permittee.

Effect of the Diversion on Any Lawful User of Water and the Rights of

Downstream Users

5. Staff contacted the following prior to the issuance of the permit:

- . Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
- . Cachuma Conservation & Release Board
- . Linda Phillips
- . U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- . Harold Pfeiffer, Ranch Manager
- . Hatch and Parent
- . California Department of Fish and Game
- . City of Santa Maria

This list includes all known water users and interested parties. None of the above listed parties object to the proposed application.

6. The water diversion is scheduled to occur after the peak 1986 irrigation season.

7. Water can be diverted under this temporary permit without injury to downstream water users.

Effects of the Proposed Diversion on Fish, Wildlife and Other Instream Uses

8. Staff has contacted representatives from the California Department of Fish and Game (Fish and Game). The Fish and Game representatives believe the proposed water diversion will not unreasonably affect fish, wildlife or other instream beneficial uses. The Sisquoc River at the point of diversion is presently in underflow; no surface flow exists at this time.
9. Staff consultation with the Fish and Game indicates that no significant impacts to fish and wildlife will occur provided that, upon test completion, the water is discharged in a manner that will reduce the potential for stream bank erosion.

Findings Concerning the California Environmental Quality Act

10. A final EIR/EIS on the proposed Celeron All American and Getty Pipeline projects (SCH# 83110902) was prepared for the State Lands Commission and U. S. Bureau of Land Management. The joint EIR/EIS was prepared and circulated pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Staff review of this document has determined that the EIR/EIS provides an

adequate disclosure of the environmental relationships of the project and it has been found that there would be no significant adverse impacts as a result of this action.

11. The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board will not require waste discharge permits for this project and indicates that no significant impacts to water quality will occur.
12. Consideration of the EIR/EIS satisfies the State Board's responsibilities pursuant to CEQA.
13. Staff explained the foregoing situation to Board Member Eliseo M. Samaniego and recommended approval of the temporary permit. Board Member Eliseo M. Samaniego concurred with the staff recommendation, and authorized issuance of the temporary permit. On September 19, 1986, Raymond Walsh, Chief, Division of Water Rights, issued Temporary Permit 19884.

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE IT is ordered that issuance of temporary permit 19884 is validated.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on October 14, 1986.

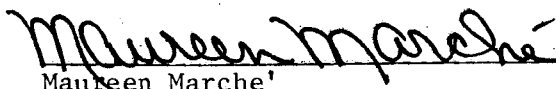
AYE: W. Don Maughan, Chairman
Darlene E. Ruiz, Vice Chairwoman
Edwin H. Finster, Member
Eliseo M. Samaniego, Member

Danny Walsh, Member

NO: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Maureen Marche

Administrative Assistant to the Board