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### Memorandum

To: Peter Ditton, BLM California State Director, Acting

From: Rick Cooper, Hollister Field Manager

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Subject: Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-CA-0900-2011-04-EA

It is my recommendation to approve and implement the BLM's proposal for a competitive oil and gas lease sale of 2,605.40 acres of Federal mineral estate in Monterey County and Fresno County, California, as evaluated in the attached environmental assessment (DOI-BLM-CA-0900-2011-04-EA).

Environmental impacts associated with the proposed action have been assessed. BLM's standard oil and gas leasing stipulations and the Hollister Field Office's Endangered Species Stipulation are incorporated into the proposed action for all the parcels that are offered for oil and gas leasing in Fresno and Monterey County. A no surface occupancy stipulation will also be included for the parcels in Fresno County. I have determined that additional mitigation is not required.

The proposed action is in conformance with the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Hollister Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Southern Diablo Mountain Range and Central Coast of California (2007), and with other applicable law, regulation and policy. The parcels to be included in this lease auction have been reviewed for the presence of sensitive natural and cultural resources, which will be protected through the implementation of the stipulations to be included in the oil and gas offer to lease document.

My recommendation is based on these findings, as documented in the attached environmental assessment.

Attachment(s):

1 – Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-CA-0900-2011-04-EA (123 pp.)