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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., et al.

Plaintiffs and Respondents,

vs.

COUNTY OF MONTEREY, et al.

Defendants;

PROTECT MONTEREY COUNTY and DR. LAURA SOLORIO

Intervenors and Appellants.

After a Decision by the Court of Appeal Sixth Appellate District, Case No. H045791

Appeal from a Judgment Entered in Favor of Plaintiffs Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 16-CV-3978 and consolidated cases Honorable Thomas W. Wills, Judge

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DECLARATION OF JENNY S. LILLGE

I, Jenny S. Lillge, declare:

I am an attorney licensed to practice in California, State Bar No. 265046, and am employed by Legislative Intent Service, Inc., a company specializing in researching the history and intent of legislation.

Under my direction and the direction of other attorneys on staff, the research staff of Legislative Intent Service, Inc. undertook to locate and obtain documents relevant to the enactment of Senate Bill 1022 of 1972. The documents listed below were obtained through Legislative Intent Service, Inc.'s online quick purchase service of previously-compiled legislative histories. Senate Bill 1022 was approved by the Legislature and was enacted as Chapter 898 of the Statutes of 1972.

The following list identifies all documents purchased on February 4, 2022, through Legislative Intent Service, Inc.'s online quick purchase service of compiled legislative histories, on Senate Bill 1022 of 1972. All documents listed in this Declaration are true and correct copies of the originals gathered by Legislative Intent Service, Inc.

SENATE BILL 1022 OF 1972:

- 1. All versions of Senate Bill 1022 (Deukmejian-1972);
- 2. Procedural history of Senate Bill 1022 from the 1972 *Senate Final History*;
- 3. Analysis of Senate Bill 1022 prepared for the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization;
- 4. Material from the legislative bill file of the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization on Senate Bill 1022;
- 5. Analysis of Senate Bill 1022 prepared by the Legislative Analyst;

- 6. Analysis of Senate Bill 1022 prepared for the Assembly Committee on Planning and Land Use;
- 7. Material from the legislative bill file of the Assembly Committee on Planning and Land Use on Senate Bill 1022;
- 8. Post-enrollment documents regarding Senate Bill 1022;
- 9. Press Release #477 issued by the Office of the Governor on August 15, 1972, to announce that Senate Bill 1022 had been signed;
- 10. Excerpt regarding Senate Bill 1022 from the 1972 *Summary Digest of Statutes Enacted and Resolutions Adopted*, prepared by Legislative Counsel.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 23rd day of March, 2022 at Woodland, California.

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Introduced by Senator Deukmejian

March 15, 1972

An act to amend Sections 3008, 3012, 3013, 3101, 3103, 3104, 3106, 3150, 3151, 3153, 3156, 3156.5, 3203, 3204, 3205, 3206, 3207, 3208, 3215, 3218, 3226, 3227, 3237, and 3356 of, and to add Sections 3202.5, 3205.5, and 3206.5 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to oil and gas.

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SB 1022, as introduced, Deukmejian. Oil and gas.

Redefines the term "well" for purposes of provisions pertaining to oil and gas.

Requires the chief deputy and district deputies of the Division of Oil and Gas of the Department of Conservation to be a state registered engineer or geologist.

Requires the Oil and Gas Supervisor to so supervise the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of wells as to prevent damage due to subsidence and compaction of land overlying, or immediately adjacent to, producing oil or gas pools.

Deletes provisions dividing the state into six oil and gas districts and requires the Director of Conservation to divide the state into nine oil and gas districts and to fix the district boundaries. Provides for the expiration of the terms of office of district oil and gas commissioners and the election of new commissioners.

Requires persons who acquire or become the operator of an oil or gas well to file a bond and revises provisions pertaining to the filing of bonds, including authorizing the filing of a cash bond secured by bank deposits of cash, investment certificates, or share accounts, or by bonds issued by the United States or the state in specified principal amounts and authorizing the substitution of a bond in a lesser amount upon

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abandonment of a well.

Provides for automatic approval or cancellation of notice of intention to commence drilling and revises content of such notice.

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Revises provisions pertaining to the abandonment of wells.

Requires the oil or gas well owner's monthly statement to show what disposition was made of the water produced from each well, including designations of injection or disposal wells.

Vote—Majority; Appropriation—No; Fiscal Committee—Yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3008 of the Public Resources 2 Code is amended to read:

3008. "Well" means any oil or gas well or well for the 3 discovery of oil or gas, or any well on lands producing or 4 reasonably presumed to contain oil or gas or any well 5 drilled for the purpose of injecting fluids or gas for 6 stimulating oil or gas recovery, repressuring or pressure 7 maintenance of oil or gas reservoirs, or disposing of 8 oilfield waste fluids or any well drilled within or adjacent 9 to an oil or gas pool for the purpose of obtaining water to 10 be used in production stimulation or repressuring 11 12 operations.

13 SEC. 2. Section 3012 of the Public Resources Code is 14 amended to read:

15 3012. The provisions of this chapter division apply to 16 any land or well situated within the boundaries of an 17 incorporated city in which the drilling of oil wells is now 18 or may hereafter be prohibited, until all wells therein 19 have been abandoned as provided in this chapter.

20 SEC. 3. Section 3013 of the Public Resources Code is 21 amended to read:

22 3013. This chapter division shall be liberally 23 construed to meet its purposes, and the director and the 24 supervisor shall have all powers which may be necessary 25 to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

26 SEC. 4. Section 3101 of the Public Resources Code is 27 amended to read: 1 3101. The supervisor shall appoint one chief deputy 2 and at least one district deputy for each of the districts 3 provided for in this chapter, and shall prescribe their 4 duties and fix their compensation.

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5 SEC. 5. Section 3103 of the Public Resources Code is 6 amended to read:

3103. The chief deputy shall be a competent engineer
or geologist, registered in the state, and experienced in
9 the development and production of oil and gas.

10 SEC. 6. Section 3104 of the Public Resources Code is 11 amended to read:

12 3104. Each district deputy shall be either a competent engineer or geologist, registered in the state, and 13 14 experienced in the development and production of oil. 15 and gas or a competent and experienced oil operator, 16 with not less than five years of actual experience in the 17 oil fields of the State. At the time any district deputy is appointed, notice of his appointment shall be transmitted 18 in writing to the board of commissioners of the district for 19 20 which the deputy is appointed.

21 SEC. 7. Section 3106 of the Public Resources Code is 22 amended to read:

23 3106. The supervisor shall so supervise the drilling, 24 operation, maintenance, and abandonment of wells as to prevent, as far as possible, damage to life, health, 25 26 property, and natural resources; damage to underground oil and gas deposits from infiltrating water and other 27 causes; loss of oil, gas, or reservoir energy, damage due 28 29 to subsidence and compaction of land overlying, or immediately adjacent to, producing oil or gas pools, and 30 31 damage to underground and surface waters suitable for 32 irrigation or domestic purposes by the infiltration of, or the addition of, detrimental substances, by reason of the 33 drilling, operation, maintenance, or abandonment of 34 35 wells.

The supervisor shall also supervise the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of wells so as to permit the owners or operators of such wells to utilize all methods and practices known to the oil industry for the purpose of increasing the ultimate recovery of

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underground hydrocarbons and which, in the opinion of 1 the supervisor, are suitable for such purpose in each 2 proposed case. In order to further the elimination of 3 waste by increasing the recovery of underground 4 $\mathbf{5}$ hydrocarbons it is hereby declared as a policy of this state that the grant in an oil and gas lease or contract to a lessee 6 or operator of the right or power, in substance, to explore 7 for and remove all hydrocarbons from any lands in the 8 State of California, in the absence of an express provision 9 10 to the contrary contained in such lease or contract, is 11 deemed to allow the lessee or contractor or his successors 12 or assigns, to do what a prudent operator using reasonable diligence would do, having in mind the best 13 14 interests of the lessor, lessee and the state, in producing and removing hydrocarbons, including but not limited to 15 the injection of air, gas, water or other fluids into the 16 productive strata, the application of pressure heat or 17 other means for the reduction of viscosity of the 18 hydrocarbons, the supplying of additional motive force or 19 20 creating of enlarged or new channels for the of hydrocarbons 21 underground movement into production wells, when such methods or processes 22 23 employed have been approved by the supervisor; provided, however, nothing contained in this section 24 imposes a legal duty upon such lessee or contractor, his 25 26 successors or assigns, to conduct such operations.

27 In order to best meet oil and gas needs in California, 28 the supervisor shall administer this division so as to 29 encourage the wise development of the oil and gas 30 resources.

31 SEC. 8. Section 3150 of the Public Resources Code is 32 amended to read:

33 3150. For the purposes of this chapter, the state is
34 divided director shall divide the state into six districts, the
35 boundaries of which shall be fixed by the director and fix
36 the boundaries of such districts.

37 SEC. 9. Section 3151 of the Public Resources Code is 38 amended to read:

39 3151. There shall be *nine* district oil and gas 40 commissioners for each district , as follows: For district

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1 number 1, seven; for district number 2, seven; for district

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2 number 3, seven; for district number 4, nine; for district

3 number 5, seven; for district number 6, seven.

4 The district commissioners shall be elected at the times 5 and in the manner hereinafter provided. No person is 6 eligible to be a district oil and gas commissioner who is 7 not a resident of the district for which he is elected, nor 8 who is not actually engaged in the business of oil or gas 9 development or production within the district, except 10 that two commissioners for each district shall be 11 members of the public who are not engaged in the 12 business of oil or gas development or production but who 13 have an interest in and knowledge of the environment. 14 The terms of office of the commissioners added by the 15 amendment of this section at the 1970 Regular Session of 16 the Legislature shall commence in 1971.

17 SEC. 10. Section 3153 of the Public Resources Code is 18 amended to read:

19 3153. The terms of office of the district commissioners
20 in office at the time this chapter takes effect shall serve
21 out the terms for which they were elected, which terms
22 expire as follows:

23 (a) In districts having five commissioners, one in 1939,
 24 two in 1940, and two in 1941.

25 (b) In districts having seven commissioners, two in 26 1939, two in 1940, and three in 1941 be considered 27 expired. New commissioners shall be elected in each 28 district with terms which will expire as follows: three in 29 1973, three in 1974, and three in 1975. Notwithstanding, 30 the term of one public member shall expire in 1974 and 31 the other in 1975.

32 SEC. 11. Section 3156 of the Public Resources Code is 33 amended to read:

34 3156. Each of those entitled to vote may be 35 represented by one person holding the written authority 36 of such voter to act for him at the meeting. Each voter is 37 entitled to one vote for each member of the board of 38 district oil and gas commissioners who is to be selected for 39 the district. In addition thereto, in each district, at 40 elections to fill those offices the terms of which expire in 1 1941 1973, and every three years thereafter, each voter 2 is entitled to cast one vote for each such office for each 3 one hundred dollars (\$100), or fraction thereof, which 4 the voter has paid in accordance with his last assessment 5 under this chapter.

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6 In all subsequent elections the qualification of voters in 7 the election of a district commissioner shall be the same 8 as in the election of the district commissioner whose 9 successor in office is being elected. The meeting shall 10 select by ballot, by a majority vote of the votes 11 represented, the number of persons specified in this 12 article to act as district commissioners for the district.

13 SEC. 12. Section 3156.5 of the Public Resources Code 14 is amended to read:

3156.5. The first In the event that the director 15 establishes a new district, oil and gas commissioners for 16 that district number 6 shall be elected at a meeting of the 17 18 voters of the district on the third Tuesday in September -1939 of the year the district is established. The meeting 19 20 shall be called by the State Oil and Gas Supervisor and the election shall be conducted in all respects as provided for 21 22 district elections by this article, except that one three 23 district commissioner commissioners shall be elected for 24 three years, two three for two years, and two three for one year, and the number of ballots cast for the 25 26 commissioners to be elected for two-year terms shall be 27 as provided by Section 3156.

28 In the event that this section does not take effect before 29 Terms of office of district commissioners residing in the new district will be considered expired on the third 30 31 Tuesday in September, 1939, the State Oil and Cas Supervisor shall call a meeting of the votors of district 32 number 6, to be held upon the second Tuesday after the 33 34 effective date of this section, at which meeting district oil and gas commissioners for district number 6 shall be 35 elected in the manner and for the terms provided in this 36 section of the year the district is established. Their 37 38 vacancies will be filled in the manner prescribed in Section 3156. 39

40 SEC. 13. Section 3202.5 is added to the Public

1 Resources Code, to read:

2 3202.5. Every person who acquires the ownership of 3 or becomes the operator of any well whether by 4 purchase, transfer, assignment, conveyance, exchange, or 5 otherwise, subsequent to the enactment of this section, 6 shall file with the supervisor or district deputy a bond in 7 the applicable amount as provided for in Sections 3204, 8 3205, and 3206.5.

9 SEC. 14. Section 3203 of the Public Resources Code is 10 amended to read:

3203. The owner or operator of any well shall, before 11 12 commencing the work of drilling the well, file with the supervisor or the district deputy a written notice of 13 14 intention to commence drilling. Drilling shall not commence until approval is given by the supervisor or 15 16 the district deputy; if the supervisor or the district deputy 17 fails to give the owner or operator written response to the notice within 10 working days, such failure shall be 18 considered as an approval of the notice and the notice 19 20 shall, for the purposes and intents of this chapter, be deemed a written report of the supervisor. If operations 21 22 have not commenced within one year of receipt of the 23 notice, the notice will be considered canceled. The notice 24 shall contain the following:

(a) The location and elevation above sea level of thefloor of the proposed derrick and drill rig.

(b) The number or other designation by which thewell shall be known. Such number or designation shall besubject to the approval of the supervisor.

30 (c) The owner's or operator's estimate of the depth of 31 the point at depths between which water production will 32 be shut off, together with the method by which the 33 shut/off is intended to be made, and the size and weight 34 of easing to be used attempted.

35 (d) The owner's or operator's estimate of the depths 36 between which production will be attempted Such other 37 pertinent data as the supervisor may require on the 38 printed forms to be supplied by the Division of Oil and 39 Gas, or on forms acceptable to the supervisor.

40 After the completion of any well the provisions of this

section shall also apply, as far as may be, to the deepening or redrilling of the well, or any operation involving the plugging of the well, or any operations permanently altering in any manner the casing of the well. The number or designation by which any well heretofore drilled has been known, and the number or designation specified for any well in a notice filed as required by Section 3203 this section, shall not be changed without first obtaining a written consent of the supervisor.

10 SEC. 15. Section 3204 of the Public Resources Code is 11 amended to read:

12 3204. Every person who engages in the drilling, redrilling, or deepening, or in any operation involving 13 plugging or permanently altering in any manner the 14 casing of any well shall file with the supervisor an 1516 indemnity bond in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each well so drilled, redrilled, or deepened, 17plugged or permanently altered. The bond shall be filed 18 with the supervisor at the time of the filing of the notice 19 20 of intention to drill, redrill, or deepen perform work on the well, provided for in Section 3203. The bond shall be 21 executed by such person, as principal, and by an 22 authorized surety company, as surety, conditioned that 23 24 the principal named in the bond shall faithfully comply with all the provisions of this chapter, in drilling, 25 redrilling, or deepening any well or wells covered by the 26 bond, and shall secure the state against all losses, charges, 27 28 and expenses incurred by it to obtain such compliance by 29 the principal named in the bond.

30 The condition of the bond shall be stated in 31 substantially the following language:

32 "If said _____, the above bounden principal, shall well and truly comply with all the provisions of chapter 33 1 of division III of the Public Resources Code this division 34 and shall obey all lawful orders of the State Oil and Gas 35 Supervisor or his district deputy or deputies, if not 36 appealed subject to subsequent appeal as provided in that 37 38 chapter, or upon affirmance thereof by the board of district commissioners having jurisdiction thereof, if 39 appealed thereto, this division, and shall pay all charges, 40

1 costs, and expenses incurred by the supervisor or his 2 district deputy or deputies in respect of such well or wells 3 or the property or properties of said principal, or assessed 4 against such well or wells or the property or properties of 5 such principal, in pursuance of the provisions of said 6 chapter, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise, it 7 shall remain in full force and effect."

8 SEC. 16. Section 3205 of the Public Resources Code is 9 amended to read:

Any person who engages in the drilling, 10 3205. redrilling, or deepening, maintaining, or abandoning of 11 one or more wells at any time, may file with the 12 supervisor one bond for twenty-five thousand dollars 13 (\$25,000) to cover all his operations in drilling, redrilling, 14 or deepening of any of his wells in this the state in lieu of 15 a five-thousand-dollar (\$5,000) bond for each well being 16 17 drilled, redrilled, or deepened by him which he is still 18 engaged in drilling, redrilling, deepening, maintaining or abandoning. The bond shall be executed by such person, 19 as principal, and by an authorized surety company, as 20 21 surety, and shall be in substantially the same language 22 and upon the same conditions as provided in Section 233204, except as to the difference in the amount.

24 SEC. 17. Section 3205.5 is added to the Public 25 Resources Code, to read:

3205.5. In lieu of the bond required by Sections 3204, 26 27 3205, and 3206.5, a person may with the written approval of the supervisor file a cash bond in the applicable 28 29 amount, evidence of deposit in banks authorized to do 30 business in this state and insured by the Federal Deposit 31 Insurance Corporation, investment certificates or share 32 accounts in the applicable amount issued by a savings and 33 loan association doing business in this state and insured by 34 the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or 35 bonds issued by the United States or the State of 36 California in the principal amounts of two thousand four 37 hundred dollars (\$2,400), six thousand dollars (\$6,000), or (\$30,000),38 thirty thousand dollars whichever is applicable, with the State Treasurer, such bond or 39 security filed in lieu thereof shall be subject to all 40

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1 conditions set forth in Sections 3204, 3205, 3206, 3206.5, 2 3207, and 3208.

3 SEC. 18. Section 3206 of the Public Resources Code is 4 amended to read:

3206. Any five-thousand-dollar (\$5,000) bond issued 5 in compliance with this chapter may, with the consent of 6 the supervisor, be terminated and canceled and the 7 surety be relieved of all obligations thereunder. The 8 9 supervisor shall not consent to the termination and cancellation of any bond until the well or wells for which 10 it has been issued have been properly completed or 11 abandoned or another valid bond substituted therefor. 12

13 SEC. 19. Section 3206.5 is added to the Public 14 Resources Code, to read:

3206.5. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this 15 chapter, whenever a properly completed oil or gas well 16 in which the producing zone is less than 2,000 feet deep 17 as measured from the surface of the ground to the bottom 18 of the producing interval and any portion of the hole 19 below that depth is permanently abandoned in 20 conformance with requirements of the supervisor the 21 five-thousand-dollar (\$5,000) bond may be released upon 22 the substitution of a valid bond in the amount of two 23 thousand dollars (\$2,000). Except as to amount, such 24 bond shall have the same wording as defined in Section 25 3204 and may be terminated under the same provisions 26 27 outlined in Section 3206.

28 SEC. 20. Section 3207 of the Public Resources Code is 29 amended to read:

twenty-five-thousand-dollar 3207. Any 30 (\$25.000)31 bond issued in compliance with this chapter may, with the consent of the supervisor, be terminated and 32 canceled and the surety be relieved of all obligations 33 thereunder when all wells covered by such bond have 34 been properly empleted or abandoned. Should the 35 person who has filed a twenty-five-thousand-dollar 36 37 (\$25,000) bond properly complete or abandon a portion of his wells covered by the bond, the bond may, with the 38 consent of the supervisor, be terminated and canceled 39 and the surety be relieved of all obligations thereunder 40

upon the filing by such person of a five-thousand-dollar 1 (\$5,000) bond or two-thousand-dollar (\$2,000) bond as 2 3 provided in Section 3206.5 for each well which he is still engaged in drilling, redrilling, 4 or deepening, 5 maintaining, or abandoning. Liability as to individual wells that have been drilled and abandoned or completed 6 under a twenty-five-thousand-dollar (\$25,000) bond may 7 also be terminated with the consent of the supervisor. 8 9 SEC. 21. Section 3208 of the Public Resources Code is

10 amended to read:

3208. A well is properly completed, for the purposes 11 of sections 3206 and 3207 Section 3206.5, when it has been 12 completed to production of oil or gas, and the person 13 engaged in drilling, redrilling, or deepening it has shown 14 to the satisfaction of the supervisor that both the manner 15 of drilling, redrilling, or deepening the well and the 16 manner of producing oil therefrom are satisfactory. A 17 well is properly abandoned when drilling, redrilling, or 18 deepening has eeased before completion to production of 19 oil or gas, and the person drilling, redrilling, or 20 deepening, or maintaining it has shown to the satisfaction 21 of the supervisor that all proper steps have been taken to 22 shut off and exclude all water from oil-bearing or 23 gas-bearing strata encountered in the well, and to protect 24 25underground or surface water suitable for irrigation or farm or domestic purposes from the infiltration or 26 addition of any detrimental substance and to prevent 27 subsequent damage to life, health, property, and other 28 29 resources.

30 SEC. 22. Section 3215 of the Public Resources Code is 31 amended to read:

3215. Upon the completion or abandonment of any 32 well or upon the suspension of operations upon any well, 33 for a period of six months if it has been designated by the 34 supervisor as a prospect well, or for a period of 30 days if 35 36 it has not been so designated, true copies of the log, core 37 record, and history in duplicate, and one copy of the electric log if made, and directional survey and if made, 38 39 true and reproducible copies of all electrical, physical, or chemical logs, tests, or surveys in duplicate and in such 40

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form as the supervisor may approve shall be filed with the 1 district deputy within 10 60 days after such completion, 2 or within 10 days after the expiration of said 6/month or 3 30/day period suspension, or abandonment. The log, core 4 record, and history shall be in such form as the supervisor 5 may direct. Like copies shall be filed upon the 6 completion of additional work in any well. Upon a 7 showing of hardship, additional the supervisor may 8 extend the time within which to comply with the 9 provisions of this section may be granted by the 10 supervisor for a period not to exceed 60 additional days. 11 SEC. 23. Section 3218 of the Public Resources Code is 12 13 amended to read:

The supervisor upon application of an owner or 14 3218. operator shall determine and designate what wells are 15 prospect wells, and reports shall not be required from 16 such prospect wells until six months after suspension of 17 drilling operations. Upon a showing of hardship, the 18 supervisor may extend the time within which to comply 19 with the provisions of Section 3215 for a period not to 20 21 exceed six additional months.

22 SEC. 24. Section 3226 of the Public Resources Code is 23 amended to read:

3226. Within 30 days after service of an order, 24 pursuant to Sections 3224 and 3225, or 3237, or if there has 25 been an appeal from the order to the board of district 26 commissioners, within 30 days after service of the 27 decision of the board, or if a review has been taken of the 28 order of the board of district commissioners, within 10 29 days after affirmance of the order, the owner shall 30 commence in good faith the work ordered and continue 31 it until completion. If the work has not been commenced 32 33 and continued to completion, the supervisor shall appoint necessary agents who shall enter the premises and 34 35 perform the work. An accurate account of the expenditures shall be kept, and the amounts shall be paid 36 37 from the Petroleum and Gas Fund upon the warrant of 38 the State Controller. Any amount so expended shall constitute a lien against the property upon which the 39 40 work is done.

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1 SEC. 25. Section 3227 of the Public Resources Code is 2 amended to read:

3 3227. The owner of any well producing or capable of 4 producing oil or gas shall file with the district deputy, on 5 or before the 10th day of each month, for the last 6 preceding calendar month, a statement, in such form as 7 the supervisor may designate, showing:

8 (a) The amount of oil and gas produced from each 9 well during the period indicated, together with the 10 gravity of the oil, the amount of water produced from 11 each well, estimated in accordance with methods 12 approved by the supervisor, and the number of days 13 during which fluid was produced from each well.

(b) The number of wells drilling, producing, or idle,owned or operated by such person.

16 (c) What disposition was made of the gas produced 17 from each well, including the names of persons, if any, to 18 whom the gas was delivered, and such other information 19 regarding the gas and the disposition thereof as the 20 supervisor may require.

21 Upon request and satisfactory showing, a longer 22 interval may be fixed by the supervisor for such reports 23 in the case of any specific owner or operator.

(d) It is the duty of the supervisor to compile from such statements and to publish monthly statistics showing the amount of oil and gas produced in the state by oilfields and pools, together with the number of wells drilling, number of wells producing or idle, all separately stated as to oilfields and pools, with such other information as the supervisor deems proper.

(e) As used in this section, "pool" means 31 an 32 underground reservoir containing common a accumulation of crude petroleum oil or natural gas or 33 34 both. Each zone of a general structure which is separated 35 from any other zone in the structure is a separate pool. (f) What disposition was made of the water produced 36 from each well, including designations of injection or 37 38 disposal wells and such other information regarding the water and the disposition thereof as the supervisor may 39 40 require.

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1 SEC. 26. Section 3237 of the Public Resources Code is 2 amended to read:

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3 3237. The supervisor or his deputy may order the 4 abandonment of any well that has been deserted whether $\mathbf{5}$ or not any damage is occurring or threatened by reason 6 of said well. Suspension of drilling operations and 7 removal of drilling machinery is pima facie evidence of desertion after the elapse of six months unless a request 8 9 for an extension of time for a period not to exceed an 10 additional six months is theretofore filed. Removal of production equipment or facilities is prima facie 11 12 evidence of desertion after the elapse of two years. At any 13 time the supervisor may for good cause shown extend this 14 period these periods. Such order may be appealed to the 15 district oil and gas commissioners.

16 SEC. 27. Section 3356 of the Public Resources Code is 17 amended to read:

18 3356. If a review is not taken within 10 days, or if taken, in case the decision of the district board is 19 20 affirmed, the lien upon the property shall be enforced in 21 the same manner as are other liens on real property, and 22 shall first be enforced against the owner of the well. 23 against the operator, and against the personal property 24 and fixtures used in the construction or operation thereof. 25and secondly against the mineral estate of the property, 26 and then, if there is any deficiency, against the land upon 27 which the work is done. Upon the request of the 28 supervisor, the State Controller shall bring an action for 29 the enforcement of the lien in the manner provided in 30 Article 7 (commencing with Section 3400) of this 31 chapter.

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SENATE BILL

No. 1022

Introduced by Senator Deukmejian

March 15, 1972

An act to amend Sections 3008, 3012, 3013, 3101, 3103, 3104, 3106, 3150, 3151, 3153, 3156, 3156.5, 3203, 3204, 3205, 3206, 3207, 3208, 3215, 3218, 3226, 3227, 3237, and 3356 of, and to add Sections 3202.5, 3205.5, and 3206.5 SECTION 3205.5 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to oil and gas.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1022, as amended, Deukmejian. Oil and gas.

Redefines the term "well" for purposes of provisions pertaining to oil and gas.

Requires the chief deputy and district deputies of the Division of Oil and Gas of the Department of Conservation to be a state registered engineer or geologist.

Requires the Oil and Gas Supervisor to so supervise the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of wells as to prevent damage due to subsidence and compaction of land overlying, or immediately adjacent to, producing oil or gas pools.

Deletes provisions dividing the state into six oil and gas districts and requires the Director of Conservation to divide the state into nine oil and gas districts and to fix the district boundaries. Provides Requires that there be 9 district oil and gas commissioners for each district and provides for the expiration of the terms of office of district oil and gas commissioners and the election of new commissioners.

Requires persons who acquire or become the operator of an oil or gas well to file a bond and revises Revises provisions pertaining to the filing of bonds by persons who engage in the drilling, redrilling, or deepening of, or in any operation involving plugging or permanently altering the casing of, any well, including authorizing the filing of a cash bond secured by bank deposits of cash, investment certificates, or share accounts, or by bonds issued by the United States or the state in specified principal amounts and authorizing the substitution of a bond in a lesser amount upon abandonment of a well.

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Provides Prohibits commencement of drilling until the notice of intention to commence drilling is approved by the supervisor or the district deputy and provides for automatic approval or cancellation of such notice of intention to commence drilling under prescribed conditions and revises content of such notice.

Revises provisions pertaining to the abandonment of wells. Requires the oil or gas well owner's monthly statement to show what disposition was made of the water produced from each well, including designations of injection or disposal wells.

Provides that removal of production equipment or facilities is prima facie evidence of desertion of a well after the elapse of 2 years.

Vote—Majority; Appropriation—No; Fiscal Committee—Yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3008 of the Public Resources
 Code is amended to read:

"Well" means any oil or gas well or well for the 3 3008. discovery of oil or gas, or any well on lands producing or 4 reasonably presumed to contain oil or gas or any well $\mathbf{5}$ drilled for the purpose of injecting fluids or gas for 6 stimulating oil or gas recovery, repressuring or pressure 7 maintenance of oil or gas reservoirs, or disposing of 8 oilfield waste fluids or any well drilled within or adjacent 9 to an oil or gas pool for the purpose of obtaining water to 10 be used in production stimulation or repressuring 11 operations. 12

13 SEC. 2. Section 3012 of the Public Resources Code is 14 amended to read:

15 3012. The provisions of this division apply to any land

or well situated within the boundaries of an incorporated
 city in which the drilling of oil wells is now or may
 hereafter be prohibited, until all wells therein have been
 abandoned as provided in this chapter.

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5 SEC. 3. Section 3013 of the Public Resources Code is 6 amended to read:

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its purposes, and the director and the supervisor shall
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purposes of this chapter.

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14 and at least one district deputy for each of the districts
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 irrigation or domestic purposes by the infiltration of, or
 the addition of, detrimental substances, by reason of the

4 drilling, operation, maintenance, or abandonment of 5 wells.

6 The supervisor shall also supervise the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of wells so as 7 to permit the owners or operators of such wells to utilize 8 9 all methods and practices known to the oil industry for the purpose of increasing the ultimate recovery of 10 underground hydrocarbons and which, in the opinion of 11 the supervisor, are suitable for such purpose in each 12 13 proposed case. In order to further the elimination of waste by increasing the recovery of underground 14 hydrocarbons it is hereby declared as a policy of this state 15that the grant in an oil and gas lease or contract to a lessee 16 or operator of the right or power, in substance, to explore 17 18 for and remove all hydrocarbons from any lands in the State of California, in the absence of an express provision 19 20 to the contrary contained in such lease or contract, is 21 deemed to allow the lessee or contractor or his successors 22or assigns, to do what a prudent operator using reasonable diligence would do, having in mind the best 23 24 interests of the lessor, lessee and the state, in producing and removing hydrocarbons, including but not limited to 25the injection of air, gas, water or other fluids into the 26 productive strata, the application of pressure heat or 27 28 other means for the reduction of viscosity of the hydrocarbons, the supplying of additional motive force or 29 30 creating of enlarged or new channels for the of hydrocarbons 31 underground movement into production wells, when such methods or processes 32 employed have been approved by the supervisor; 33 provided, however, nothing contained in this section 34 imposes a legal duty upon such lessee or contractor, his 3536 successors or assigns, to conduct such operations.

In order to best meet oil and gas needs in California, the supervisor shall administer this division so as to encourage the wise development of the oil and gas resources. 1 SEC. 8. Section 3150 of the Public Resources Code is 2 amended to read:

3 3150. For the purposes of this chapter, the director
4 shall divide the state into districts, and fix the boundaries
5 of such districts.

6 SEC. 9. Section 3151 of the Public Resources Code is 7 amended to read:

8 3151. There shall be nine district oil and gas 9 commissioners for each district.

The district commissioners shall be elected at the times 10 and in the manner hereinafter provided. No person is 11 12 eligible to be a district oil and gas commissioner who is 13 not a resident of the district for which he is elected, nor who is not actually engaged in the business of oil or gas 14 development or production within the district, except 15 that two commissioners for each district shall be 16 members of the public who are not engaged in the 17 business of oil or gas development or production but who 18 have an interest in and knowledge of the environment. 19 20 SEC. 10. Section 3153 of the Public Resources Code is 21 amended to read:

3153. The terms of office of the district commissioners
in office at the time this chapter takes effect shall be
considered expired. New commissioners shall be elected
in each district with terms which will expire as follows:
three in 1973, three in 1974, and three in 1975.
Notwithstanding, the term of one public member shall
expire in 1974 and the other in 1975.

29 SEC. 11. Section 3156 of the Public Resources Code is 30 amended to read:

31 3156. Each of those entitled to vote may be 32represented by one person holding the written authority 33 of such voter to act for him at the meeting. Each voter is 34 entitled to one vote for each member of the board of 35 district oil and gas commissioners who is to be selected for the district. In addition thereto, in each district, at 36 37 elections to fill those offices the terms of which expire in 38 1973, and every three years thereafter, each voter is 39 entitled to cast one vote for each such office for each one hundred dollars (\$100), or fraction thereof, which the **40**

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In all subsequent elections the qualification of voters in the election of a district commissioner shall be the same as in the election of the district commissioner whose successor in office is being elected. The meeting shall select by ballot, by a majority vote of the votes represented, the number of persons specified in this article to act as district commissioners for the district.

10 SEC. 12. Section 3156.5 of the Public Resources Code 11 is amended to read:

12 3156.5. In the event that the director establishes a new district, oil and gas commissioners for that district 13 shall be elected at a meeting of the voters of the district 14 15on the third Tuesday in September of the year the district is established. The meeting shall be called by the State Oil 16 17and Gas Supervisor and the election shall be conducted in all respects as provided for district elections by this 18 19 article, except that three district commissioners shall be elected for three years, three for two years, and three for 20 21 one year, and the number of ballots cast for the 22 commissioners to be elected for two-year terms shall be 23as provided by Section 3156. Terms of office of district 24 commissioners residing in the new district will be considered expired on the third Tuesday in September of 25 $\mathbf{26}$ the year the district is established. Their vacancies will be 27 filled in the manner prescribed in Section 3156.

28 SEC. 13. Section 3202.5 is added to the Public 29 Resources Code, to read:

30 3202.5. Every person who acquires the ownership of 31 or becomes the operator of any well whether by 32 purchase, transfer, assignment, conveyance, exchange, or 33 otherwise, subsequent to the enactment of this section, 34 shall file with the supervisor or district deputy a bond in 35 the applicable amount as provided for in Sections 3204, 36 3205, and 3206.5.

37 SEC. 14 SEC. 13. Section 3203 of the Public 38 Resources Code is amended to read:

39 3203. The owner or operator of any well shall, before 40 commencing the work of drilling the well, file with the

1 supervisor or the district deputy a written notice of 2 intention to commence drilling. Drilling shall not 3 commence until approval is given by the supervisor or 4 the district deputy; if the supervisor or the district deputy 5 fails to give the owner or operator written response to the notice within 10 working days, such failure shall be 6 7 considered as an approval of the notice and the notice 8 shall, for the purposes and intents of this chapter, be 9 deemed a written report of the supervisor. If operations 10 have not commenced within one year of receipt of the 11 notice, the notice will be considered canceled. The notice 12 shall contain the following:

(a) The location and elevation above sea level of thefloor of the proposed derrick and drill rig.

(b) The number or other designation by which thewell shall be known. Such number or designation shall besubject to the approval of the supervisor.

18 (c) The owner's or operator's estimate of the depths19 between which production will be attempted.

(d) Such other pertinent data as the supervisor may
require on the printed forms to be supplied by the
Division of Oil and Gas, or on forms acceptable to the
supervisor.

24 After the completion of any well the provisions of this section shall also apply, as far as may be, to the deepening 2526 or redrilling of the well, or any operation involving the plugging of the well, or any operations permanently 27 altering in any manner the casing of the well. The 28 29 number or designation by which any well heretofore 30 drilled has been known, and the number or designation 31 specified for any well in a notice filed as required by this section, shall not be changed without first obtaining a 32 33 written consent of the supervisor.

34 SEC. 15 SEC. 14. Section 3204 of the Public 35 Resources Code is amended to read:

36 3204. Every person who engages in the drilling, 37 redrilling, or deepening, or in any operation involving 38 plugging or permanently altering in any manner the 39 casing of any well shall file with the supervisor an 40 indemnity bond in the sum of five thousand dollars

(\$5,000) for each well so drilled, redrilled, deepened, 1 plugged or permanently altered. The bond shall be filed 2 with the supervisor at the time of the filing of the notice 3 of intention to perform work on the well, provided for in 4 Section 3203. The bond shall be executed by such person, $\mathbf{5}$ as principal, and by an authorized surety company, as 6 7 surety, conditioned that the principal named in the bond shall faithfully comply with all the provisions of this 8 chapter, in drilling, redrilling, or deepening any well or 9 wells covered by the bond, and shall secure the state 10 against all losses, charges, and expenses incurred by it to 11 obtain such compliance by the principal named in the 12 13 bond.

14 The condition of the bond shall be stated in 15 substantially the following language:

"If said _____, the above bounden principal, shall 16 well and truly comply with all the provisions of this 17 division Division 3 of the Public Resources Code and shall 18 19 obey all lawful orders of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor or his district deputy or deputies, subject to subsequent 20 appeal as provided in this division, and shall pay all 21 charges, costs, and expenses incurred by the supervisor or 22 his district deputy or deputies in respect of such well or 23wells or the property or properties of said principal, or 24 assessed against such well or wells or the property or 25properties of such principal, in pursuance of the 26 provisions of said chapter, then this obligation shall be 27 void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect." 28 29 SEC. 16 SEC. 15. Section 3205of the Public 30 Resources Code is amended to read:

3205. Any person who engages in the drilling, 31 redrilling, deepening, maintaining, or abandoning or in 32 any operation involving plugging or permanently 33 altering in any manner the casing of one or more wells at 34 any time, may file with the supervisor one bond for 35 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to cover all his 36 operations in drilling, redrilling, or deepening of 37 deepening, plugging, or permanently altering any of his 38 wells in the state in lieu of a five-thousand-dollar (\$5,000) 39 bond for each well which he is still engaged in drilling, 40

redrilling, deepening, maintaining or abandoning drilled,
 redrilled, deepened, plugged, or permanently altered.
 The bond shall be executed by such person, as principal,
 and by an authorized surety company, as surety, and shall
 be in substantially the same language and upon the same
 conditions as provided in Section 3204, except as to the
 difference in the amount.

8 SEC. 17 SEC. 16. Section 3205.5 is added to the Public
9 Resources Code, to read:

3205.5. In lieu of the bond required by Sections 3204, 10 3205, and 3206.5 3204 and 3205, a person may with the 11 written approval of the supervisor file a cash bond in the 12 13 applicable amount, evidence of deposit in banks 14 authorized to do business in this state and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, investment 15 16 certificates or share accounts in the applicable amount 17 issued by a savings and loan association doing business in this state and insured by the Federal Savings and Loan 18 Insurance Corporation, or bonds issued by the United 19 20 States or the State of California in the principal amounts 21 of two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400), six 22 thousand dollars (\$6,000), six thousand dollars (\$6,000) or (\$30,000),23 dollars thirty thousand whichever is applicable, with the State Treasurer, such bond or 24 security filed in lieu thereof shall be subject to all 25conditions set forth in Sections 3204, 3205, 3206, 3206.5, 26 273207, and 3208.

28 SEC. 18. Section 3206 of the Public Resources Code is 29 amended to read:

3206. Any five/thousand/dollar (\$5,000) bond issued 30 in compliance with this chapter may, with the consent of 31the supervisor, be terminated and eanceled and the 32 surety be relieved of all obligations thereunder. The 33 34 supervisor shall not consent to the termination and eancellation of any bond until the well or wells for which 35 it has been issued have been properly abandoned or 36 37 another valid bond substituted therefor.

38 SEC. 19. Section 3206.5 is added to the Public 39 Resources Code, to read:

40 3206.5. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this

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chapter, whenever a properly completed oil or gas well 1 in which the producing zone is less than 2,000 feet deep 2 as measured from the surface of the ground to the bottom 3 of the producing interval and any portion of the hole 4 below that depth is permanently abandoned in 5 conformance with requirements of the supervisor the 6 five/thousand/dollar (\$5,000) bond may be released upon 7 the substitution of a valid bond in the amount of two 8 thousand dollars (\$2,000). Except as to amount, such 9 bond shall have the same wording as defined in Section 10 3204 and may be terminated under the same provisions 11 outlined in Section 3206. 12

13 SEC. 20 SEC. 17. Section 3207 of the Public 14 Resources Code is amended to read:

3207. Any twenty-five-thousand-dollar 15 (\$25,000)bond issued in compliance with this chapter may, with 16 the consent of the supervisor, be terminated and 17 canceled and the surety be relieved of all obligations 18 thereunder when all wells covered by such bond have 19 been properly completed or abandoned. Should the 20 21 person who has filed a twenty-five-thousand-dollar (\$25,000) bond properly *complete or* abandon a portion 22 of his wells covered by the bond, the bond may, with the 23 consent of the supervisor, be terminated and canceled 24 25 and the surety be relieved of all obligations thereunder upon the filing by such person of a five-thousand-dollar 26 (\$5,000) bond or two/thousand/dollar (\$2,000) bond as 27 provided in Section 3206.5 for each well which he is still 28 engaged in drilling, redrilling, deepening, maintaining, 29 or abandoning plugging, or permanently altering. 30 Liability as to individual wells that have been drilled and 31 32 abandoned completed under or a twenty-five-thousand-dollar (\$25,000) bond may also be 33 terminated with the consent of the supervisor. 34

35 SEC. 21 SEC. 18. Section 3208 of the Public 36 Resources Code is amended to read:

37 3208. A well is properly completed, for the purposes 38 of Section 3206.5 Sections 3206 and 3207, when it has been 39 completed to production of oil or gas, and the person 40 engaged in drilling, redrilling, or deepening deepening,

plugging, or permanently altering it has shown to the 1 2 satisfaction of the supervisor that both the manner of drilling, redrilling, or deepening deepening, plugging, or 3 permanently altering the well and the manner of 4 5 producing oil or gas therefrom are satisfactory. A well is properly abandoned when drilling, redrilling, deepening, 6 plugging, or permanently altering has ceased before 7 completion to production of oil or gas, and the person 8 drilling, redrilling, deepening, or maintaining plugging, 9 or permanently altering it has shown to the satisfaction of 10 the supervisor that all proper steps have been taken to 11 12 shut off and exclude all water from oil-bearing or 13 gas-bearing strata encountered in the well, and to protect underground or surface water suitable for irrigation or 14 farm or domestic purposes from the infiltration or 15 16 addition of any detrimental substance and to prevent subsequent damage to life, health, property, and other 17 18 resources.

19 SEC. 22 SEC. 19. Section 3215 of the Public 20 Resources Code is amended to read:

213215. Upon the completion or abandonment of any 22 well or upon the suspension of operations upon any well, true copies of the log, core record, and history in 23 duplicate, and if made, true and reproducible copies of all 24 electrical, physical, or chemical logs, tests, or surveys in 2526 duplicate and in such form as the supervisor may approve shall be filed with the district deputy within 60 days after 27such completion, suspension, or abandonment. Like 28copies shall be filed upon the completion of additional 29 work in any well. Upon a showing of hardship, the 30 31 supervisor may extend the time within which to comply with the provisions of this section for a period not to 32 33 exceed 60 additional days.

34 SEC. 23 SEC. 20. Section 3218 of the Public 35 Resources Code is amended to read:

36 3218. The supervisor upon application of an owner or 37 operator shall determine and designate what wells are 38 prospect wells, and reports shall not be required from 39 such prospect wells until six months after suspension of 40 drilling operations. Upon a showing of hardship, the

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supervisor may extend the time within which to comply
 with the provisions of Section 3215 for a period not to
 exceed six additional months.

4 SEC. 24 SEC. 21. Section 3226 of the Public 5 Resources Code is amended to read:

Within 30 days after service of an order, 6 3226. 7 pursuant to Sections 3224 and 3225, or 3237, or if there has been an appeal from the order to the board of district 8 commissioners, within 30 days after service of the 9 decision of the board, or if a review has been taken of the 10 11 order of the board of district commissioners, within 10 days after affirmance of the order, the owner shall 12 13 commence in good faith the work ordered and continue it until completion. If the work has not been commenced 14 and continued to completion, the supervisor shall appoint 15 necessary agents who shall enter the premises and 16 17 perform the work. An accurate account of the 18 expenditures shall be kept, and the amounts shall be paid 19 from the Petroleum and Gas Fund upon the warrant of 20 the State Controller. Any amount so expended shall 21 constitute a lien against the property upon which the 22 work is done.

23 SEC. 25 SEC. 22. Section 3227 of the Public 24 Resources Code is amended to read:

25 3227. The owner of any well producing or capable of 26 producing oil or gas shall file with the district deputy, on 27 or before the 10th day of each month, for the last 28 preceding calendar month, a statement, in such form as 29 the supervisor may designate, showing:

30 (a) The amount of oil and gas produced from each 31 well during the period indicated, together with the 32 gravity of the oil, the amount of water produced from 33 each well, estimated in accordance with methods 34 approved by the supervisor, and the number of days 35 during which fluid was produced from each well.

36 (b) The number of wells drilling, producing, or idle,37 owned or operated by such person.

(c) What disposition was made of the gas produced
from each well, including the names of persons, if any, to
whom the gas was delivered, and such other information

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1 regarding the gas and the disposition thereof as the 2 supervisor may require.

3 Upon request and satisfactory showing, a longer 4 interval may be fixed by the supervisor for such reports 5 in the case of any specific owner or operator.

6 (d) It is the duty of the supervisor to compile from 7 such statements and to publish monthly statistics showing 8 the amount of oil and gas produced in the state by 9 oilfields and pools, together with the number of wells 10 drilling, number of wells producing or idle, all separately 11 stated as to oilfields and pools, with such other 12 information as the supervisor deems proper.

13 (e) As used in this section, "pool" means an 14 underground reservoir containing a common 15 accumulation of crude petroleum oil or natural gas or both. Each zone of a general structure which is separated 16 from any other zone in the structure is a separate pool. 17 (f) What disposition was made of the water produced 18 from each well, including designations of injection or 19

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SENATE BILL

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altering the casing of, any well, including authorizing the filing of a cash bond secured by bank deposits of cash, investment certificates, or share accounts, or by bonds issued by the United States or the state in specified principal amounts.

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Vote—Majority; Appropriation—No; Fiscal Committee—Yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3008 of the Public Resources 2 Code is amended to read:

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13 SEC. 2. Section 3012 of the Public Resources Code is 14 amended to read:

15 3012. The provisions of this division apply to any land 16 or well situated within the boundaries of an incorporated 17 city in which the drilling of oil wells is now or may 18 hereafter be prohibited, until all wells therein have been

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1 abandoned as provided in this chapter.

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30 3106. The supervisor shall so supervise the drilling, 31 operation, maintenance, and abandonment of wells as to 32 prevent, as far as possible, damage to life, health, 33 property, and natural resources; damage to underground 34 oil and gas deposits from infiltrating water and other 35 causes; loss of oil, gas, or reservoir energy, damage due to 36 subsidence and compaction of land overlying, or 37 immediately adjacent to, producing oil or gas pools, and 38 and damage to underground and surface waters suitable 39 for irrigation or domestic purposes by the infiltration of, 40 or the addition of, detrimental substances, by reason of 1 the drilling, operation, maintenance, or abandonment of 2 wells.

The supervisor shall also supervise the drilling, 3 operation, maintenance, and abandonment of wells so as 4 to permit the owners or operators of such wells to utilize 5 all methods and practices known to the oil industry for 6 the purpose of increasing the ultimate recovery of 7 underground hydrocarbons and which, in the opinion of 8 9 the supervisor, are suitable for such purpose in each proposed case. In order to further the elimination of 10 waste by increasing the recovery of underground 11 12 hydrocarbons it is hereby declared as a policy of this state 13 that the grant in an oil and gas lease or contract to a lessee 14 or operator of the right or power, in substance, to explore for and remove all hydrocarbons from any lands in the 15 State of California, in the absence of an express provision 16 to the contrary contained in such lease or contract, is 17 18 deemed to allow the lessee or contractor or his successors 19 or assigns, to do what a prudent operator using reasonable diligence would do, having in mind the best 20 21 interests of the lessor, lessee and the state, in producing and removing hydrocarbons, including but not limited to 22 the injection of air, gas, water or other fluids into the 23 productive strata, the application of pressure heat or 24 other means for the reduction of viscosity of the 25 hydrocarbons, the supplying of additional motive force or 26 creating of enlarged or new channels for 27 the of hydrocarbons 28 underground movement into 29 production wells, when such methods or processes employed have been approved by the supervisor; 30 provided, however, nothing contained in this section 31 32 imposes a legal duty upon such lessee or contractor, his successors or assigns, to conduct such operations. 33

In order to best meet oil and gas needs in California, the supervisor shall administer this division so as to encourage the wise development of the oil and gas resources.

38 SEC. 8. Section 3150 of the Public Resources Code is 39 amended to read:

40 3150. For the purposes of this chapter, the director

1 shall divide the state into districts, and fix the boundaries

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2 of such districts.

3 SEC. 9. Section 3151 of the Public Resources Code is 4 amended to read:

5 3151. There shall be nine district oil and gas 6 commissioners for each district.

The district commissioners shall be elected at the times 7 and in the manner hereinafter provided. No person is 8 eligible to be a district oil and gas commissioner who is 9 not a resident of the district for which he is elected, nor 10 who is not actually engaged in the business of oil or gas 11 12 development or production within the district, except 13 that two commissioners for each district shall be 14 members of the public who are not engaged in the 15 business of oil or gas development or production but who 16 have an interest in and knowledge of the environment. SEC. 10. Section 3153 of the Public Resources Code is 17 18 amended to read:

19 3153. The terms of office of the district commissioners 20 in office at the time this chapter takes effect shall be 21 considered expired. New commissioners shall be elected 22 in each district with terms which will expire as follows: 23 three in 1973, three in 1974, and three in 1975. 24 Notwithstanding, the term of one public member shall 25 expire in 1974 and the other in 1975.

26 SEC. 11. Section 3156 of the Public Resources Code is 27 amended to read:

28 3156. Each of those entitled to vote may be represented by one person holding the written authority 29 30 of such voter to act for him at the meeting. Each voter is 31 entitled to one vote for each member of the board of 32 district oil and gas commissioners who is to be selected for the district. In addition thereto, in each district, at 33 34 elections to fill those offices the terms of which expire in 1973, and every three years thereafter, each voter is 35 36 entitled to east one vote for each such office for each one hundred dollars (\$100), or fraction thereof, which the 37 voter has paid in accordance with his last assessment 38 39 under this chapter.

40 In all subsequent elections the qualification of voters in

1 the election of a district commissioner shall be the same 2 as in the election of the district commissioner whose 3 successor in office is being elected. The meeting shall 4 select by ballot, by a majority vote of the votes 5 represented, the number of persons specified in this 6 article to act as district commissioners for the district.

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7 SEC. 12. Section 3156.5 of the Public Resources Code 8 is amended to read:

3156.5. In the event that the director establishes a 9 new district, oil and gas commissioners for that district 10 shall be elected at a meeting of the voters of the district 11 on the third Tuesday in September of the year the district 12 is established. The meeting shall be ealled by the State Oil 13 and Gas Supervisor and the election shall be conducted 14 in all respects as provided for district elections by this 15 article, except that three district commissioners shall be 16 elected for three years, three for two years, and three for 17 one year, and the number of ballots east for the 18 commissioners to be elected for two/year terms shall be 19 as provided by Section 3156. Terms of office of district 20 commissioners residing in the new district will be 21 eonsidered expired on the third Tuesday in September of 22 the year the district is established. Their vacancies will be 23 filled in the manner prescribed in Section 3156. 24

25 SEC. 13. Section 3203 of the Public Resources Code is 26 amended to read:

3203. The owner or operator of any well shall, before 27 commencing the work of drilling the well, file with the 28 supervisor or the district deputy a written notice of 29 intention to commence drilling. Drilling shall not 30 commence until approval is given by the supervisor or 31 the district deputy; if the supervisor or the district deputy 32 fails to give the owner or operator written response to the 33 notice within 10 working days, such failure shall be 34 considered as an approval of the notice and the notice 35 shall, for the purposes and intents of this chapter, be 36 37 deemed a written report of the supervisor. If operations have not commenced within one year of receipt of the 38 notice, the notice will be considered canceled. The notice 39 shall contain the following: 40

1 (a) The location and elevation above sea level of the 2 floor of the proposed derrick and drill rig.

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3 (b) The number or other designation by which the 4 well shall be known. Such number or designation shall be 5 subject to the approval of the supervisor.

6 (c) The owner's or operator's estimate of the depths 7 between which production will be attempted.

8 (d) Such other pertinent data as the supervisor may 9 require on the printed forms to be supplied by the 10 Division of Oil and Gas, or on forms acceptable to the 11 supervisor.

12 After the completion of any well the provisions of this section shall also apply, as far as may be, to the deepening 13 or redrilling of the well, or any operation involving the 14 15 plugging of the well, or any operations permanently altering in any manner the casing of the well. The 16 number or designation by which any well heretofore 17 18 drilled has been known, and the number or designation specified for any well in a notice filed as required by this 19 section, shall not be changed without first obtaining a 20 written consent of the supervisor. 21

22 SEC. 14. Section 3204 of the Public Resources Code is 23 amended to read:

3204. Every person who engages in the drilling, 24 25 redrilling, or deepening, or in any operation involving plugging or permanently altering in any manner the 26 casing of any well shall file with the supervisor an 27 indemnity bond in the sum of five thousand dollars 28 29 (\$5,000) for each well so drilled, redrilled, deepened, plugged or permanently altered. The bond shall be filed 30 with the supervisor at the time of the filing of the notice 31 of intention to perform work on the well, provided for in 32 Section 3203. The bond shall be executed by such person, 33 as principal, and by an authorized surety company, as 34 surety, conditioned that the principal named in the bond 35 shall faithfully comply with all the provisions of this 36 chapter, in drilling, redrilling, or deepening any well or 37 wells covered by the bond, and shall secure the state 38 against all losses, charges, and expenses incurred by it to 39 obtain such compliance by the principal named in the 40

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1 bond.

2 The condition of the bond shall be stated in 3 substantially the following language:

"If said _____, the above bounden principal, shall 4 5 well and truly comply with all the provisions of Division 6 3 of the Public Resources Code and shall obey all lawful orders of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor or his district 7 deputy or deputies, subject to subsequent appeal as 8 provided in this division, and shall pay all charges, costs, 9 10 and expenses incurred by the supervisor or his district 11 deputy or deputies in respect of such well or wells or the property or properties of said principal, or assessed 12 against such well or wells or the property or properties of 13 14 such principal, in pursuance of the provisions of said chapter, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise, it 15 16 shall remain in full force and effect."

17 SEC. 15. Section 3205 of the Public Resources Code is 18 amended to read:

19 3205. Any person who engages in the drilling, 20 redrilling, deepening, or in any operation involving plugging or permanently altering in any manner the 21 22 casing of one or more wells at any time, may file with the 23 supervisor one bond for twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to cover all his operations in drilling, redrilling, 24 25deepening, plugging, or permanently altering any of his 26 wells in the state in lieu of a five-thousand-dollar (\$5,000) 27 bond for each well drilled, redrilled, deepened, plugged, or permanently altered. The bond shall be executed by 28 29 such person, as principal, and by an authorized surety 30 company, as surety, and shall be in substantially the same language and upon the same conditions as provided in 31 32 Section 3204, except as to the difference in the amount. 33 SEC. 16. Section 3205.5 is added to the Public 34 Resources Code, to read:

35 3205.5. In lieu of the bond required by Sections 3204 36 and 3205, a person may with the written approval of the 37 supervisor file a cash bond in the applicable amount, 38 evidence of deposit in banks authorized to do business in 39 this state and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance 40 Corporation, investment certificates or share accounts in

the applicable amount issued by a savings and loan 1 2 association doing business in this state and insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or 3 bonds issued by the United States or the State of 4 California in the principal amounts of six thousand dollars 5 (\$6,000) or thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), whichever 6 is applicable, with the State Treasurer, such bond or 7 security filed in lieu thereof shall be subject to all 8 conditions set forth in Sections 3204, 3205, 3206, 3207, and 9 10 3208.

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11 SEC. 17. Section 3207 of the Public Resources Code is 12 amended to read:

twenty-five-thousand-dollar 13 3207. Any (\$25.000)bond issued in compliance with this chapter may, with 14 the consent of the supervisor, be terminated and 15 canceled and the surety be relieved of all obligations 16 thereunder when all wells covered by such bond have 17 been properly completed or abandoned. Should the 18 person who has filed a twenty-five-thousand-dollar 19 (\$25,000) bond properly complete or abandon a portion 20 of his wells covered by the bond, the bond may, with the 21 consent of the supervisor, be terminated and canceled 22 and the surety be relieved of all obligations thereunder 23 upon the filing by such person of a five-thousand-dollar 24 (\$5,000) bond for each well which he is still engaged in 25 drilling, redrilling, deepening, plugging, or permanently 26 altering. Liability as to individual wells that have been 27 drilled and abandoned or completed under 28 а twenty-five-thousand-dollar (\$25,000) bond may also be 29 terminated with the consent of the supervisor. 30

31 SEC. 18. Section 3208 of the Public Resources Code is 32 amended to read:

33 3208. A well is properly completed, for the purposes 34 of Sections 3206 and 3207, when it has been completed to 35 production of oil or gas, and the person engaged in 36 drilling, redrilling, deepening, plugging, or permanently 37 altering it has shown to the satisfaction of the supervisor 38 that both the manner of drilling, redrilling, deepening, 39 plugging, or permanently altering the well and the 40 manner of producing oil or gas therefrom are satisfactory.

A well is properly abandoned when drilling, redrilling, 1 2 deepening, plugging, or permanently altering has ceased 3 before completion to production of oil or gas, and the 4 person drilling, redrilling, deepening, plugging, or 5 permanently altering it has shown to the satisfaction of the supervisor that all proper steps have been taken to 6 shut off and exclude all water from oil-bearing or 7 gas-bearing strata encountered in the well, and to protect 8 underground or surface water suitable for irrigation or 9 farm or domestic purposes from the infiltration or 10 addition of any detrimental substance and to prevent 11 12 subsequent damage to life, health, property, and other 13 resources.

14 SEC. 19. Section 3215 of the Public Resources Code is 15 amended to read:

16 3215. Upon the completion or abandonment of any 17 well or upon the suspension of operations upon any well, true copies of the log, core record, and history in 18 duplicate, and if made, true and reproducible copies of all 19 electrical, physical, or chemical logs, tests, or surveys in 20 21 duplicate and in such form as the supervisor may approve shall be filed with the district deputy within 60 days after 22 such completion, suspension, or abandonment. Like 23 copies shall be filed upon the completion of additional 24 25 work in any well. Upon a showing of hardship, the 26 supervisor may extend the time within which to comply 27 with the provisions of this section for a period not to 28 exceed 60 additional days.

29 SEC. 20. Section 3218 of the Public Resources Code is 30 amended to read:

31 3218. The supervisor upon application of an owner or operator shall determine and designate what wells are 32 ,33 prospect wells, and reports shall not be required from such prospect wells until six months after suspension of 34 drilling operations. Upon a showing of hardship, the 35 supervisor may extend the time within which to comply 36 with the provisions of Section 3215 for a period not to 37 exceed six additional months. 38

39 SEC. 21. Section 3226 of the Public Resources Code is 40 amended to read:

1 3226. Within 30 days after service of an order, 2 pursuant to Sections 3224 and 3225, or 3237, or if there has been an appeal from the order to the board of district 3 4 commissioners, within 30 days after service of the decision of the board, or if a review has been taken of the 5 order of the board of district commissioners, within 10 6 days after affirmance of the order, the owner shall 7 commence in good faith the work ordered and continue 8 it until completion. If the work has not been commenced 9 10 and continued to completion, the supervisor shall appoint necessary agents who shall enter the premises and 11 12 perform the work. An accurate account of the 13 expenditures shall be kept, and the amounts shall be paid 14 from the Petroleum and Gas Fund upon the warrant of 15 the State Controller. Any amount so expended shall 16 constitute a lien against the property upon which the 17 work is done.

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18 SEC. 22. Section 3227 of the Public Resources Code is 19 amended to read:

20 3227. The owner of any well producing or capable of 21 producing oil or gas shall file with the district deputy, on 22 or before the 10th day of each month, for the last 23 preceding calendar month, a statement, in such form as 24 the supervisor may designate, showing:

(a) The amount of oil and gas produced from each well during the period indicated, together with the gravity of the oil, the amount of water produced from each well, estimated in accordance with methods approved by the supervisor, and the number of days during which fluid was produced from each well.

31 (b) The number of wells drilling, producing, or idle, 32 owned or operated by such person.

33 (c) What disposition was made of the gas produced 34 from each well, including the names of persons, if any, to 35 whom the gas was delivered, and such other information 36 regarding the gas and the disposition thereof as the 37 supervisor may require.

38 Upon request and satisfactory showing, a longer 39 interval may be fixed by the supervisor for such reports 40 in the case of any specific owner or operator. 800) 666-1917

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1 (d) It is the duty of the supervisor to compile from 2 such statements and to publish monthly statistics showing 3 the amount of oil and gas produced in the state by 4 oilfields and pools, together with the number of wells 5 drilling, number of wells producing or idle, all separately 6 stated as to oilfields and pools, with such other 7 information as the supervisor deems proper.

(e) As used in this section, 8 "pool" means an 9 underground reservoir containing common a accumulation of crude petroleum oil or natural gas or 10 both. Each zone of a general structure which is separated 11 from any other zone in the structure is a separate pool. 12

13 (f) What disposition was made of the water produced 14 from each well, including designations of injection or 15 disposal wells and such other information regarding the 16 water and the disposition thereof as the supervisor may 17 require.

18 SEC. 23. Section 3237 of the Public Resources Code is 19 amended to read:

20 3237. The supervisor or his deputy may order the 21 abandonment of any well that has been deserted whether 22 or not any damage is occurring or threatened by reason 23 of said well. Suspension of drilling operations and 24 removal of drilling machinery is pima facie evidence of 25 desertion after the elapse of six months unless a request 26 for an extension of time for a period not to exceed an additional six months is theretofore filed after April 1. 27 1973. Removal of production equipment or facilities is 28 prima facie evidence of desertion after the elapse of two 29 years. At any time the supervisor may for good cause 30 31 shown extend these periods. Such order may be appealed 32 to the district oil and gas commissioners.

33 SEC. 24. Section 3356 of the Public Resources Code is 34 amended to read:

35 3356. If a review is not taken within 10 days, or if 36 taken, in case the decision of the district board is 37 affirmed, the lien upon the property shall be enforced in 38 the same manner as are other liens on real property, and 39 shall first be enforced against the owner of the well, 40 against the operator, against the personal property and 1 fixtures used in the construction or operation thereof, and 2 secondly against the mineral estate of the property, and 3 then, if there is any deficiency, against the land upon 4 which the work is done. Upon the request of the 5 supervisor, the State Controller shall bring an action for 6 the enforcement of the lien in the manner provided in 7 Article 7 (commencing with Section 3400) of this 8 chapter.

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