

State of California  
Coastal Impact Assistance Program

FINAL PLAN 2009

APPENDIX C  
Governor's Letter Designating State Agency



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

November 30, 2005

The Honorable Gale Norton  
Secretary of the Interior  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Norton,

I am pleased to learn that Section 31 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 includes \$250 million for each of federal fiscal years 2007 through 2010 to assist states in mitigating the impacts from Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas production. California, one of the six eligible states with OCS oil and gas production off its shores, is already moving forward with the development of its Coastal Impact Assistance Plan.

Pursuant to Section 31 of the act, I hereby designate California Secretary for Resources, Mike Chrisman, the lead state official, and the Resources Agency as the lead state agency to represent the state in this effort. Secretary Chrisman and his staff are already working with members of your staff to ensure that California's plan meets both the spirit of and legal requirements established for this new Coastal Impact Assistance Program.

If you have any questions about our involvement in this program, please direct them to Secretary Chrisman or Assistant Secretary Brian Baird. Both can be reached at (916) 653-5656.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger

cc: Johnnie Burton, Director, Minerals Management Service