

MINUTES OF THE SOLANO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting of February 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the Solano County Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Fairfield, California.

PRESENT: Commissioners Boschee, Rhoads-Poston, Karah, and Cayler

EXCUSED: Chairman Mahoney

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Yankovich, Planning Program Manager; Eric Wilberg, Planning Technician; Jim Laughlin, Deputy County Counsel; and Kristine Letterman, Planning Commission Clerk

Items from the floor - none

The Minutes of the regular meetings of January 5 and January 19, 2012 were approved as prepared.

1. **NOMINATION and ELECTION** of Chair and Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

This item was continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting to allow for the full commission to be present.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider Use Permit Application No. U-11-03 of **Venoco, Inc.** for three exploratory natural gas wells located at 2983 Chadbourne Road, 2.5 miles south of the City of Suisun in an "M-P" Marsh Preservation Zoning District, APN: 0046-080-030. The Planning Commission will also be considering adoption of a mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact as recommended by the Solano County Department of Resource Management. (Project Planner: Eric Wilberg) **Staff Recommendation:** Approval

Eric Wilberg gave a brief presentation of the written staff report. He noted that the proposed project includes three phases: a site preparation phase, a drilling and testing phase, and a production phase. Staff recommended approval of the project.

Since there were no questions of staff, Vice-Chairman Boschee opened the public hearing.

The applicant's representative Craig Blancett appeared before the commission. He stated that Venoco has minimized the impact by consolidating 3 locations into one. He stated that they are looking toward building a good rapport with the county and have full

agreement with the surface owners. Mr. Blancett urged the commission to approve the project.

Since there were no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rhoads-Poston and seconded by Commissioner Cayler to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration, the mandatory and suggested findings, and approve Use Permit Application No. U-11-03 subject to the recommended conditions of approval. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 4568)

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS**

Mr. Yankovich informed the commission that the Board of Supervisors will be holding an evening meeting regarding the zone text amendments and rezonings that previously came before the commission. He noted that the meeting will be February 28th at 7:00 p.m.

3. Since there was no further business, the meeting was **adjourned**.