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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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1 (Time noted 8:15 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. With no further ado,
3 good morning. This is the August 5, 2021 meeting of the
4 Oil Conservation Division. My name is William Brancard.
5 I will be hearing examiner for today. Joining me as
6 hearing examiner will be Baylen Lamkin. We will also have
7 some special guest hearing examiners later on in the show.

8 As always, this is being recorded, so
9 please speak clearly and slowly so we can move ahead.

10 Before we start discussing the agenda
11 today, I just want to go over a few other things with
12 folks. As you're all aware we have a brand-spanking-new
13 website for the Department. I hope you have all sort of
14 figured out how to navigate it. We made a few changes in
15 the last week. The OCD and OCC hearings are on separate
16 pages now, so there is an OCD hearings page with dropdowns
17 for all the dockets, so that should be fine for everyone.
18 If you are looking for the OCC hearings, they are under
19 the separate Oil Conservation Commission Web page or page
20 within the site.

21 So after 86 years the Oil Conservation
22 Commission finally gets its own page on a website.

23 Last week we talked a bit about where we
24 are heading with these hearings. No decision yet but we
25 are running into problems, because we will probably have

1 to abandon Porter Hall in a few months, so that may make
2 it difficult to start up live hearings. But hopefully we
3 will have an announcement out soon about where we're going
4 here.

5 Frankly, I really appreciate everyone's
6 input on this. That was very helpful to hear your
7 thoughts on these issues.

8 One final note: A number of you are trying
9 to arrange future dates for hearings and so you're
10 contacting Marlene about availability of dates. That's
11 all fine, but don't assume that working something out with
12 Marlene means that you're done. You still need to file a
13 piece of paper to continue the hearing, or file a motion,
14 whatever.

15 So just a reminder to everyone that we need
16 to have pieces of paper in the record. It's really
17 helpful when we go back and look at cases and try to
18 figure out what the status is.

19 So a word on today's agenda. As always,
20 it's posted on the Website, the final docket for today.
21 We have 41 cases listed, and that is because we've taken
22 tomorrow's special docket, special hearing of 10 cases,
23 that has been canceled and those 10 cases are added to the
24 beginning of today's docket as a status conference.

25 The only other thing to note is that the

1 last item on the agenda, Case 22041, there was a late
2 filed Motion for Continuance -- I see that Mr. Ames is on,
3 I hope Mr. Bruce is on -- but I will simply grant the
4 motion for a continuance now, and so you don't need to
5 stick on --

6 MR. AMES: Thank you.

7 EXAMINER BRANCARD: -- for the rest of the day's
8 performance.

9 (Time noted 8:18 a.m.)

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