## Decommissioning Overview for Pacific OCS Region Offshore Oil and Gas Facilities

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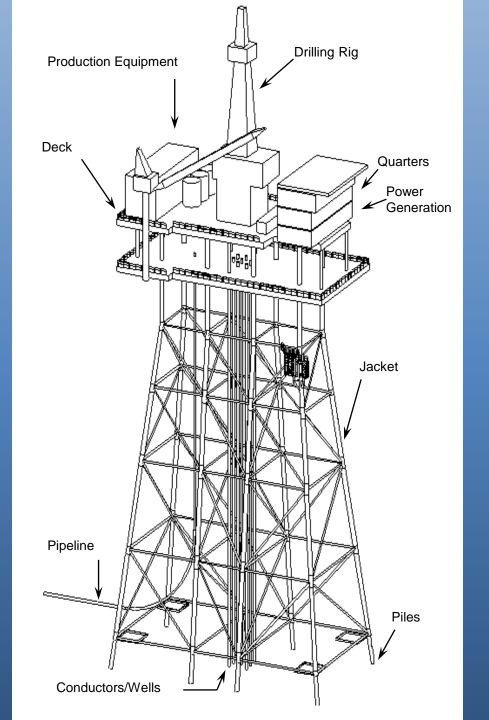
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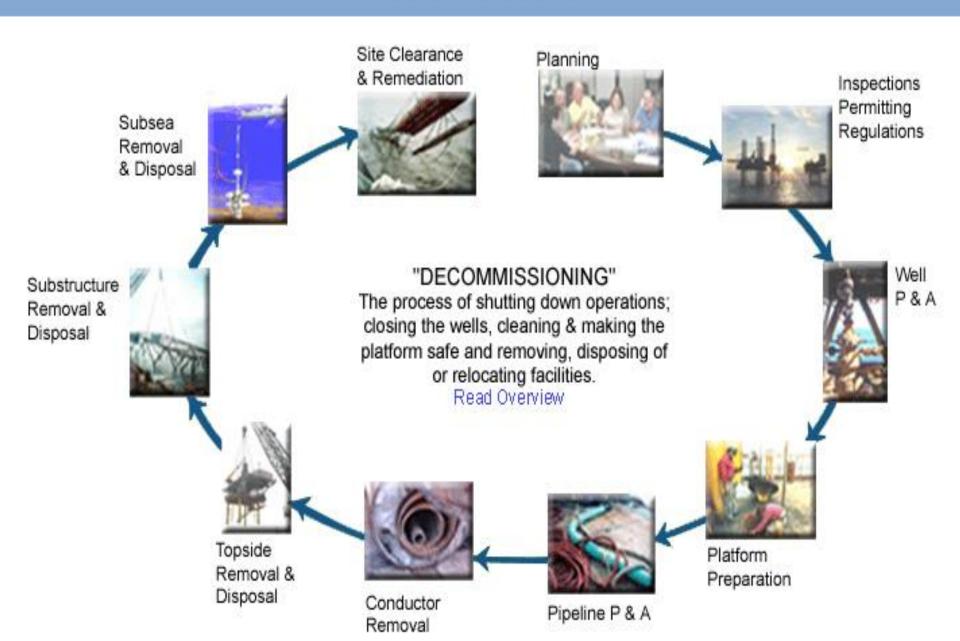
## **TOPICS COVERED**

- 1. Decommissioning Basics
- 2. OCS Platform Overview
- 3. Operational Status
- 4. Decommissioning Outlook
- 5. Decommissioning Challenges

## Platform Components

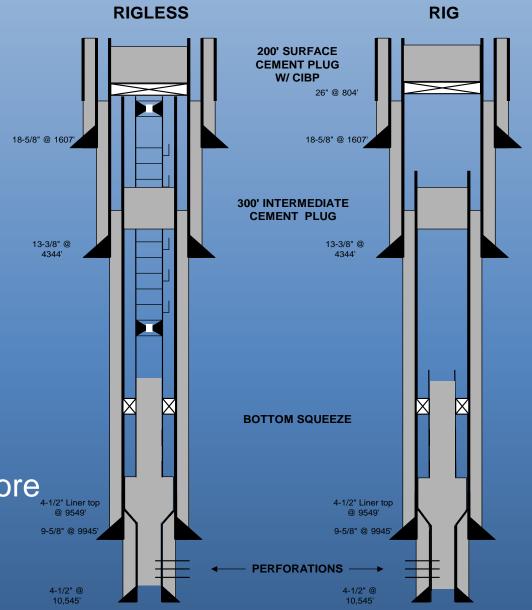


## The Decommissioning Process What is included?



# Well P&A Rig vs. Rigless

Rigless With Cut Casing and CIBP; Rig With Same but With a Little More Casing Out of Hole



#### **Conductor Removal**

- Removed by the Derrick Barge in long joints
- Casing Jack Removal in short joints
- Severing Options:
  - Abrasive Severing (Preferred)
  - Explosive Severing
  - Mechanical Severing





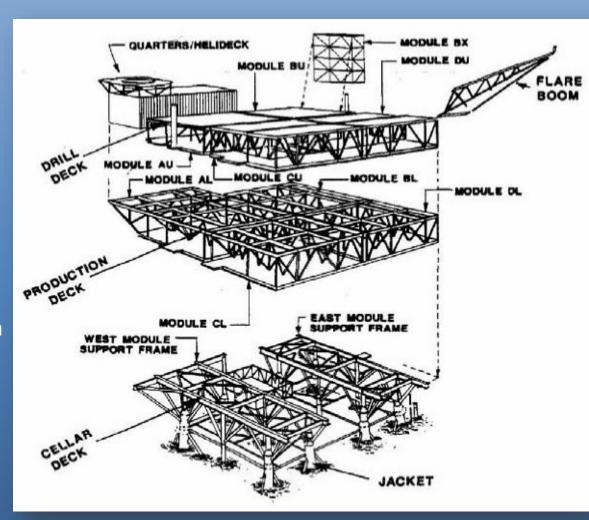
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#### **Topside Removal**

- Removed in one piece or sectioned into modules small enough (40-50% of full crane capacity) for the DB crane to remove safely and efficiently
- Transport modules to shore via cargo barge





## **Abrasive Cutting**

 Water Abrasive Cutting w/ internal manipulators







## • Water abrasive cutting w/ internal pile cutter



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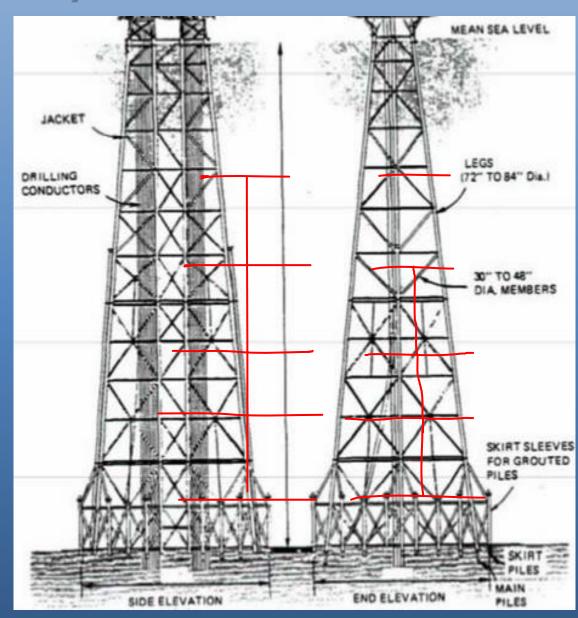
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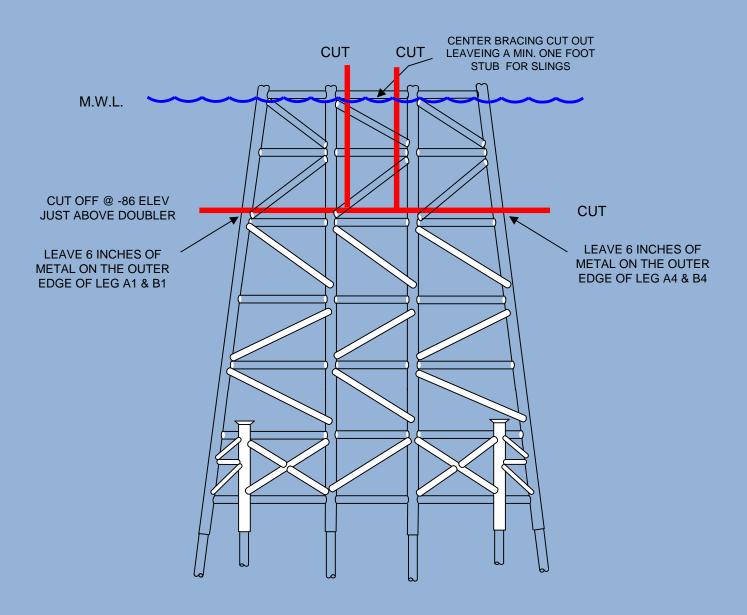
## Large Jacket Complete Removal

#### Jacket and Pile Removal

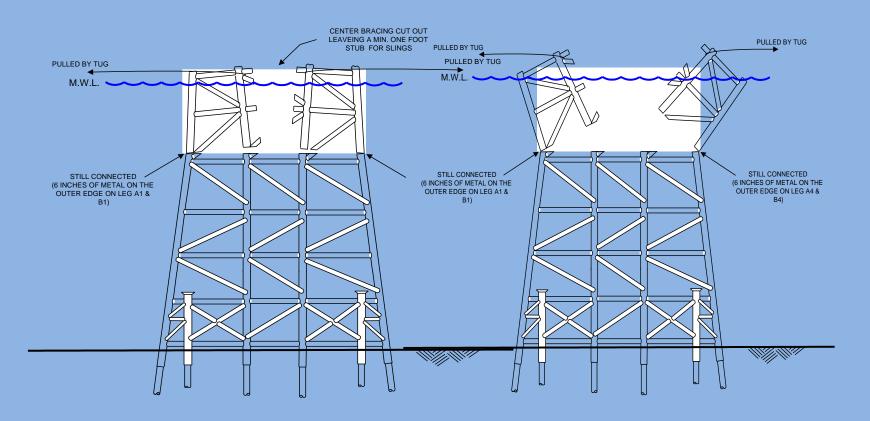
- Abrasively sever piles 15ft below mud-line
- Removed in one piece or cut into sections small enough (40-50% of full crane capacity) for the DB crane to remove safely and efficiently
- Transport to shore via cargo barge



## Jacket Reef In-Place



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STEP 3



## Hermod and Balder Semi-submersible Crane Vessels



## SAIPAN 7000 & THIALF HLVS



#### **Pipeline Decommissioning**

- Full Removal from <200ft WD to State Tidelands Boundary Only For Pipelines Running to Shore
- Cut, Plug and Bury Ends on Pipelines Running from Platform to Platform and Pipelines in >200ft WD That Run to Shore
- Pipelay Barge Method Too Costly for Short Pipelines
- Dive Vessel and Crane Barge Sectioning Method
  - ROV or Diver Retrieval
  - Sectioned on Crane Barge
  - Cargo Barge Transport to Shore





#### **Power Cable Removal**

Full Removal to State Tidelands Boundary

- Workboat Sectioning Method Preferred:
  - ROV Retrieval
  - Sectioned on Workboat
  - Cargo Barge Transport to Shore



#### Materials Disposal in California

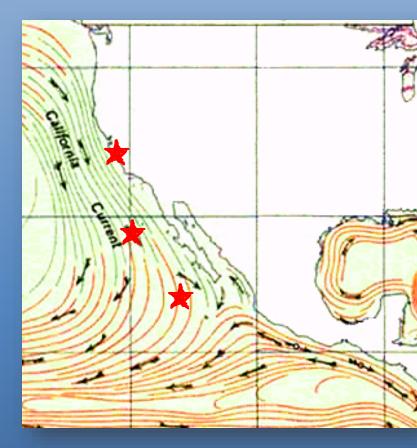
- Structures
  - Large Capacity Facility Required
  - Processing and Disposal at LA /
    Long Beach Facilities for Small
    Platforms Only
- Conductors, Pipelines & Power Cables
  - Small Scale Capacity Facility
  - Truck and Dispose of Inland Near Bakersfield, CA





## Materials Disposal for Complete Removal (Chevron Study)

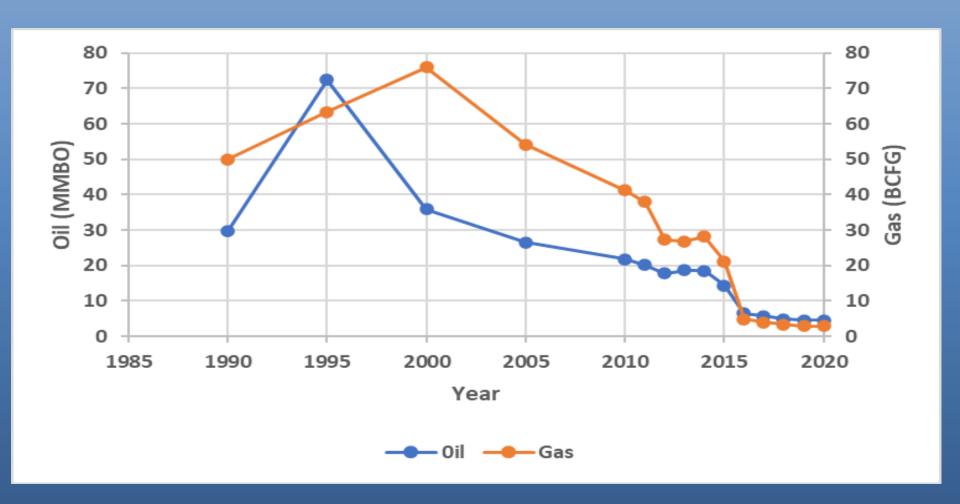
- Schnitzer Steel Portland, OR
  - Only facility on the West Coast capable of taking the 5 large platforms
  - Required approximately 350 acres on shore-front
  - Fight a 0.5 kt counter flow current
  - Superfund Site
- SA Recycling -
- LA/Long Beach Facilities
  - Nearest Location
  - Best Option from a liability standpoint
  - Very limited capabilities
  - Could not take the larger platforms
- Baja Peninsula, Mexico
  - Travel with 0.5 kt current
  - Cheaper, but more liability and no guarantee of availability
  - Green field site (no existing facilities)



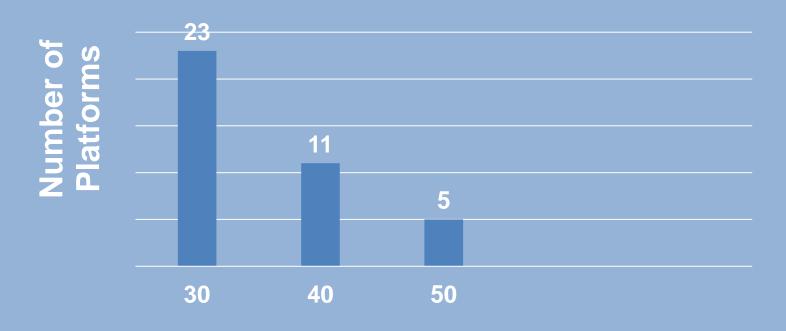
## CALIFORNIA OIL AND GAS PLATFORMS



#### CALIFORNIA OCS OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION 1990 - 2020

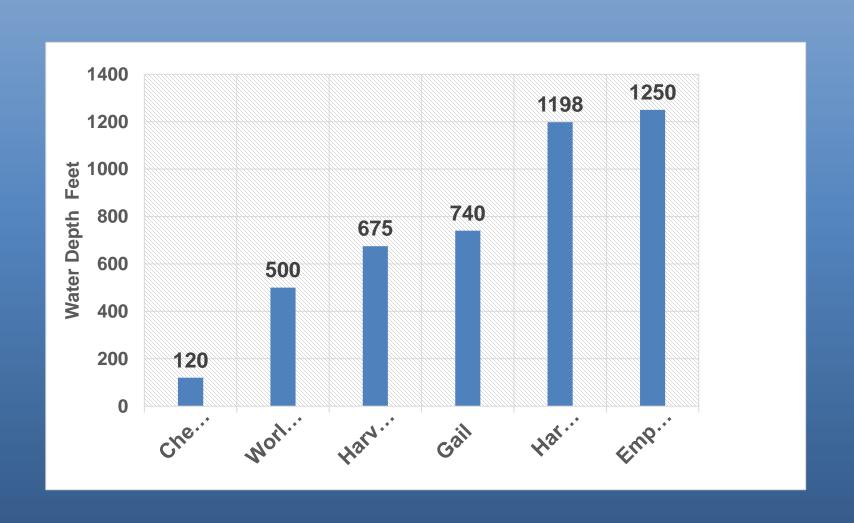


## RANGE IN AGE OF OCS PLATFORMS



**Older-than Age in Years** 

## JACKET SIZE COMPARISON



## FEDERAL OCS PLATFORMS LOCATED

255

265

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154

163

188

190

192

173

190

95

205

290

739

318

842

1,198

1,075

675

603

430

242

Western Santa Barbara Channel - Santa Barbara County

Santa Maria Basin – Santa Barbara County

Eastern Santa Barbara Channel - Ventura and Santa Barbara County

9,400

11,655

8,556

5,098

5,615

4,896

4,959

5,718

4,006

5,834

1,380

11,293

9,611

37,057

13,074

29,478

86,513

69,192

35,150

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	OFFSHORE CALIFORNIA							
Platform	Year Installed and Age (years)		Operating Status 1st Qtr. 2022	Water Depth (feet)	Estimated Removal Weight (short tons)			
			San Pedro Bay	– Los Angeles Co	unty			
Eureka	1984	36	Shut-in	700	33,377			

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Hogan

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В

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Henry

Gina

Gilda

Gail

**Grace** 

Hondo

**Harmony** 

Heritage

Harvest

Hermosa

Hidalgo

Irene

Habitat

Hillhouse

Houchin

## OCS DECOMMISSIONING PROJECTS

Platform	Water Depth (feet)	Estimated Removal Weight (s. tons)	Wells	Operating Status 1st Qtr. 2022	Current Operator	Major Companies Holding Decommissioning Obligations				
Ongoing Platform Decommissioning Projects										
Gail	739	37,057	27	Shut-in	BWEG	Chevron				
Grace	318	13,074	28	Shut-in	BWEG	Chevron				
Harvest	675	35,150	19	Shut-in	FMC	Chevron/FMC				
Hermosa	603	30,858	13	Shut-in	FMC	Chevron/FMC				
Hidalgo	430	23,334	14	Shut-in	FMC	Chevron/FMC				
Other Platforms Ordered to be Decommissioned by BSEE										
Habitat	290	9,611	20	Shut-in	DCOR	DCOR				
Hogan	154	5,098	39	Shut-in	BWEG	ConocoPhillips				
Houchin	163	5,615	35	Shut-in	BWEG	ConocoPhillips				

# CALIFORNIA DECOMMISSIONING CHALLENGES

- 1. Large structures and limited deep-water experience in the Industry.
- 2. Lack of local infrastructure
- 3. Very high HLV/DB mobilization costs.
- 4. Limited onshore processing & disposal options.
- 5. Problematic rigs-to-reef legislation.

## LIMITED ONSHORE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

- SA Recycling Facilities in Long Beach
- Primarily processes industrial scrap (autos, rail cars)
- Limited capacity and crane capability
- Chevron 4-H platforms (10,000 tons)
- Gail/Grace Project (50,000 tons) (5 x Chev. 4-H)
- Pt. Arguello HHH Project (90,000 tons) (9 x Chev. 4-H)
- Major upgrades/capacity expansion
- Environmental Effects: Air emissions, Envir. Justice, etc.

## REEFING CHALLENGES

- 1. CA Marine Resources Legacy Act (AB 2503) of 2010
- 2. Considered unworkable by industry due to:
  - Liability concerns (perpetual)
  - High-cost share 65% until 2023, then 80%
- 3. Lack of a CA Artificial Reef Program
- 4. Under OCS regulations, platforms can be reefed if:
  - (a) Structure becomes part of State Artificial Reef program,
  - (b) The State accepts liability, and
  - (c) ACOE issues a permit.

## **SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS**

- Many OCS platforms have reached or are approaching the end of their economic life.
- Between 2025 2030 at least 10 platforms are projected to be decommissioned.
- Upcoming projects will be world-class in scale.
- Full removal will present major engineering, environmental, and material disposal challenges.
- Reefing of jackets would reduce challenges but is problematic absent amendments to AB 2503.



