

# Abandoned Nearshore Oil Wells in Santa Barbara County

## Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services

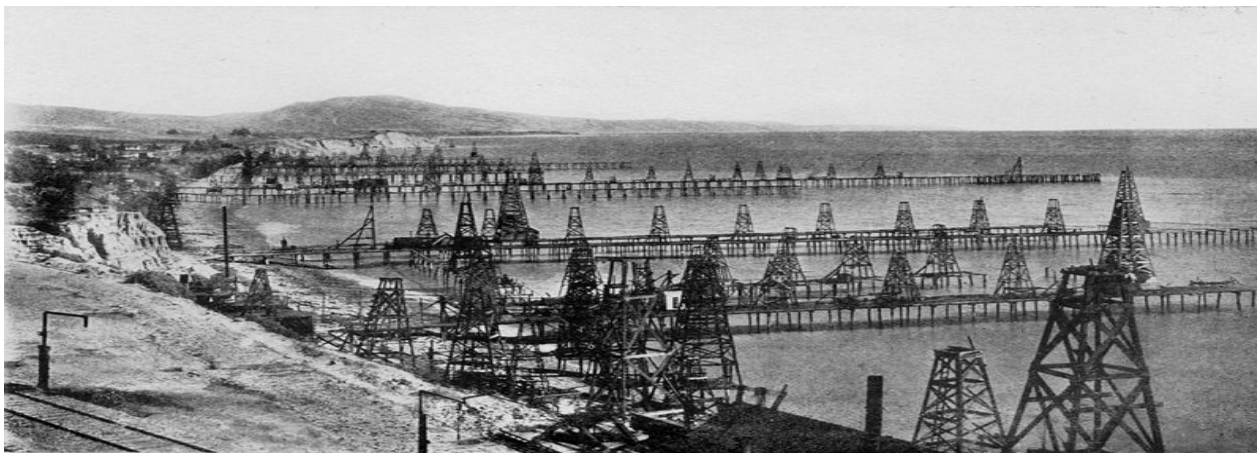
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# History

## Summerland

- 1886 – Onshore Oil Drilling
- 1896 – First Offshore Oil Drilling via piers



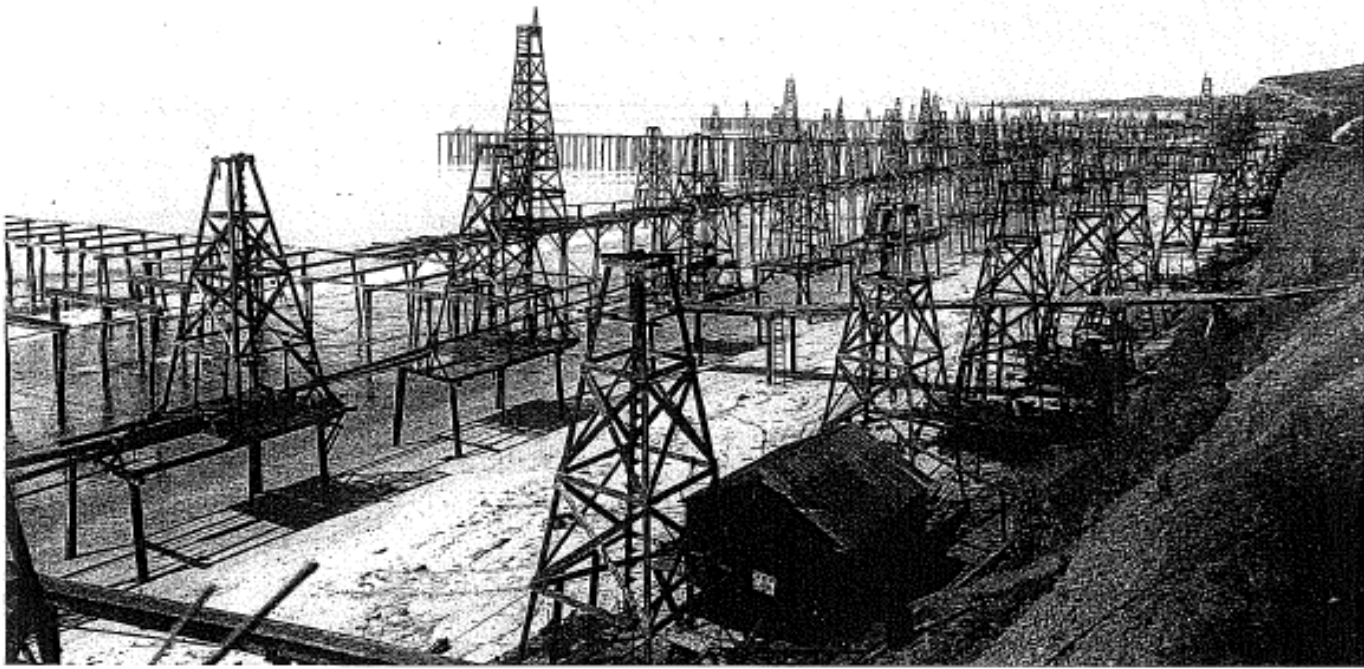
# [ Plugging & Abandonment Standards ]

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- No established laws, regulations or standards for abandonment.
- Wells were just abandoned or capped improperly.
- Use of rock, logs, telephone poles and other debris.

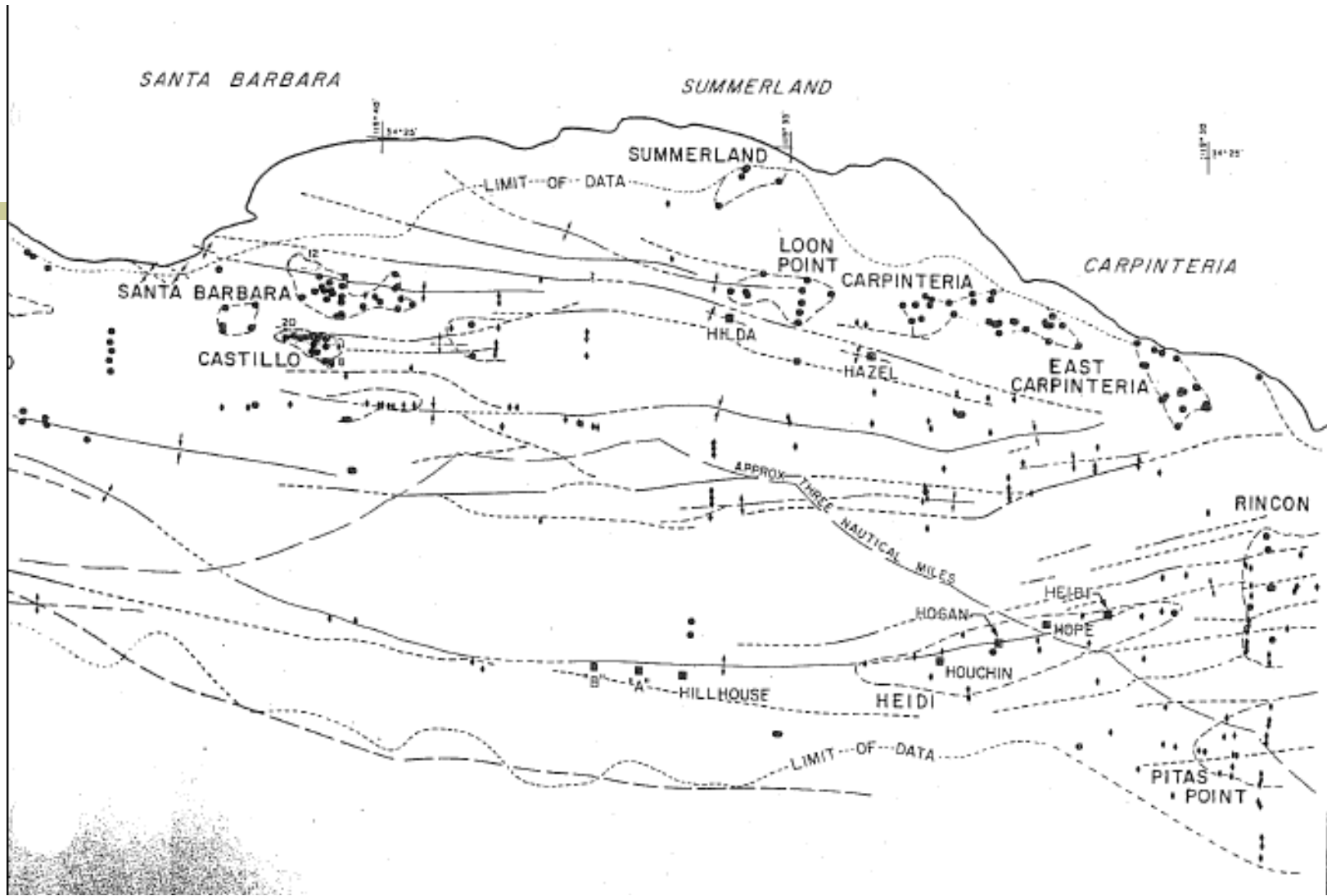


# [ Summerland ]



Summerland, circa 1900. Photo courtesy of the Seaver Center of the Los Angeles Museum of Natural History.





# Agency Oversight

- Division of Oil and Gas – Public Resource Code 3208 (order re-abandonment).
- California State Lands Commission – Manager of State’s sovereign lands.



# [ Summary ]

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- Community concern of increased seepage.
- Is increase from man-made or natural causes?
- Since abandonment, structures continue to deteriorate and condition of wells uncertain.
- November 1990 SLC began work to cap three wells .
- Request presentation by DOGGR & SLC.

