

A meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in the office of the Department of Finance, State Capitol, Sacramento, at 11 o'clock a.m., May 15, 1939.

Present were:

Phil S. Gibson, Chairman,
Ellis E. Patterson, Member
Harry B. Riley, Member

The Executive Officer made a brief report to the Commission concerning the accounting, personnel and purchasing business of the Commission. In this connection, a discussion was had by the members of the Commission with respect to change of headquarters. The Executive Officer was directed to write a communication to the Director of Finance, setting forth the problems flowing from the present method of handling the accounting, personnel and purchasing, and to make a recommendation. A determination of the establishment of a different headquarters was deferred until a subsequent meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Riley, by resolutions adopted by unanimous vote, the Executive Officer was authorized and directed to perform the acts, and his acts were approved and confirmed, as follows:

1. Demand payment by the operator of Agreement for Easement No. 296, Huntington Beach, of the sum of \$101.09, and upon failure to obtain said sum, to request the Attorney General to institute suit.
2. Demand payment of the sum of \$114.05, from Wayne Demont, and upon failure to pay the same to request the Attorney General to institute suit.
3. Advise F. W. Lake, Esq., Oakland, California, that the Commission cannot consent to the reenactment of Chapter 689, Statutes of 1937, or passage of similar legislation, since it would be equivalent to the reinvestment of titles to public lands which have heretofore been forfeited to the State.
4. Ascertain from Assemblyman Scudder the purpose for introduction of A. B. 2014, designed to permit suit against the State to establish title to Swamp and Overflowed Lands and accretions.
5. Present legislation to repeal sections of Political Code now covering the sale of Swamp and Overflowed Lands, and to permit the sale of such lands from the State Lands Commission, in accordance with existing laws or amendments thereto for sale of school lands, and to deposit proceeds in the General Fund.
6. Approval of a bill designed to transfer jurisdiction of Delhi State Land Settlement to the Department of Finance.

7. Approval of legislation to qualify the Metropolitan Water District, a public corporation, and other public and quasi-public corporations, as eligible to become permittees and lessees under the "State Lands Act of 1938", but disapproval of any legislation whereby reservation of one hundred percent of the minerals would be waived in favor of the Metropolitan Water District, or any public or quasi-public corporation.

8. Disapproval of the granting of an easement to United States Government at Point Hueneme, whereby the State would limit itself to the granting of any easement for the erection of a structure or structures which might impair the effectiveness of the light.

9. Extension until July 1, 1939, of the time within which construction would be commenced under Application No. 48, for the construction of a groin in Santa Barbara County.

10. Approval of plans and specifications submitted by lessees of State Oil and Gas Lease No. 17, Sumnerland, upon condition that such approval should not be construed as an obligation of the State to extend the term of said lease.

11. Direction of investigation to determine whether the operators of Agreements for Easements Nos. 293, 308, 323, and 324, Huntington Beach, made bona fide efforts prior to May 3, 1939, to place respective wells on production, and if not, whether these operators now have plans for restoring production.

12. Consent to the abandonment of well described in Agreement for Easement No. 327, Huntington Beach, upon the condition that the grantee quitclaim all his right, title and interest in and to the well described in Agreement for Easement No. 327, Huntington Beach, from ordinary high water mark seaward, to the State.

13. Request to the Director of Finance that he execute an easement to Industrial Fuel Supply Company for crossing for gas pipe line purposes, upon payment of twenty cents per foot, and for a term of twenty years, with recapture in the State in the event of non-user for a period of any one year.

14. Direction of investigation by reason of failure of Victor F. Christiansen to execute lease and pay annual rental of \$64.00, for certain property described in Lease Application No. 709.

15. Execution of lease under Application No. 727, to J. H. Jackson, for premises described as Lots 1, 2, and 3 and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 36, T. 29 S., R. 13 E., M.D.M., San Luis Obispo County, State of California, for the period of three years at a rental of \$60.00 per year.

16. Issuance of duplicate Certificate of Purchase and execution of certificate to the Governor requesting execution of patent to F. C. Sheuler, covering land described as NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 36, T. 38 N., R. 10 W., M.D.M., under Location 2049, Humboldt Land District.

17. Execution of certificate to the Governor requesting execution of patent to A. P. Simpson, covering the lands described as $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 21, T. 22 S., R. 14 E., M.D.M., under Location 15207, San Francisco Land District.

Upon motion of Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Patterson, and unanimously carried, Ellis E. Patterson, Member of the Commission was empowered to inspect grazing lands of the State heretofore under lease but for which at present no applications to lease are pending.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.