

A meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in Room 301, State Building, Los Angeles, on October 24, 1945, at 10 A. M.

Present: Honorable James S. Dean, Chairman
Honorable Frederick F. Houser, Member
Honorable Harry B. Riley, Member.

1. Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the State Lands Commission held in Sacramento on September 24, 1945, were approved and confirmed as submitted.

2. Upon motion duly made and carried, it was determined to hold the next meeting of the Commission in Los Angeles on Tuesday, November 20, 1945 at 10 A. M.

3. (State Oil and Gas Lease No. P.R.C. 91 - Huntington State Company - H. R. Hamilton, et al.) Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the request of the Huntington State Company for modification of their present drilling requirements under their Lease No. P.R.C. 91 as follows:

(a) Lessee is permitted to suspend further drilling requirements to the Jones Zone, until Lessee's development program, as determined by the Commission for the Main Zone and any deeper zone has been completed.

(b) Lessee will commence not later than January 15, 1946, the drilling of a well to the Main Zone.

4. (Advertising for bid for Oil Lease - Carpinteria Area, Santa Barbara County) The Commission was advised that Western Gulf Oil Company had erected a derrick and was commencing drilling operations for an oil well, the bottom of which is to be located within 100 feet of the mean high water mark in this area.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the Commission authorized the advertising of approximately 4,000 feet (approximately three-fourths mile) along the ordinary high water mark and extending seaward three miles consisting of approximately 1,454 acres, provided all derricks shall be located landward of the roadway dividing the slough area and the sub-division; and provided also that the successful bidder shall remove all derricks upon completion and/or abandonment of any well and that all producing facilities shall be counter-sunk below the surface of the ground. This advertising was authorized contingent upon the Executive Officer's obtaining a memorandum opinion from the Attorney General's office stating that the State Lands Commission is authorized to call for bids when such threat of possible drainage has been provoked by operations such as those currently being carried on by the Western Gulf Oil Company.