

32. (Authorization to Execute Documents on Behalf of the State Lands Commission) The Commission was informed that the Commission has heretofore authorized Colonel Robert C. Hunter as Executive Officer and Mr. J. Stuart Watson as Assistant Executive Officer to execute State Personnel Board forms as the appointing authority of the State Lands Commission and to execute claims to the Controller for payment as well as to authorize withdrawals and transfers from the Cash State Revolving Fund and Payroll Revolving Fund Bank Accounts. In addition Mr. Frank J. Porter as Accounting Officer, has also been authorized to make withdrawals and transfers from Cash State Revolving Fund and Payroll Revolving Fund Bank Accounts. To expedite the administrative operations of the State Lands Division and to provide for the processing of necessary documents in the absence of the Executive Officer and the Assistant Executive Officer.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried a resolution was adopted authorizing Mr. F. J. Hortig, Senior Petroleum Engineer upon behalf of the State Lands Commission to execute claims submitted to the Controller's Office for payment, and to authorize withdrawals and transfers from the Cash State, Revolving Fund and Payroll Revolving Fund Bank Accounts, in addition to certifying to all other State Lands Division documents.

33. (Request for Authority to Enter into Contracts with the Attorney General for Legal Services) The Commission was informed that because the State Lands Commission is a special fund agency, the following items are included in the 1948 Budget as approved:

- Item 180: "For the defense of the State's interests in its tide and submerged lands, (U.S. vs. California), Division of State Lands, Department of Finance, payable from the State Lands Act Fund -- \$70,000.00."
- Item 181: "For the continuation of the prosecution of the litigation between the State and the Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles, Division of State Lands, Department of Finance, payable from the State Lands Act Fund -- \$10,000.00."
- Item 182: "For the defense of quiet title actions filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 6461 of the Public Resources Code and Chapter 1554, Statutes of 1947, Division of State Lands, Department of Finance, payable from the State Lands Act Fund -- \$25,000.00."

The Attorney General is continuing to defend the interest of the State Lands Commission and the State in each of these categories.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried a resolution was adopted authorizing the execution of contracts with the Attorney General in the amounts of \$25,000, \$8,000 and \$20,000 for the protection of the State Lands Commission and State's interest in the matters involved. Said contracts are to be encumbrances against Budget Items 180, 181 and 182.