

34. (Contract - Photostating and Blueprinting - 48 - 49th Fiscal Year) The Commission was informed that in order to provide for necessary photostating and blueprinting services used by the Operations and Engineering Sections, a new contractual agreement has been drawn with the Rapid Blue Print Company for the 1948 - 1949 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$1,200.00. Inasmuch as an investigation indicates that all concerns in the Los Angeles area providing these services were uniform as to price, it was deemed advisable to allow Rapid Blue Print Company to continue performing this service.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to enter into a contractual agreement with the Rapid Blue Print Company for necessary blueprinting and photostating services for the 1948 - 1949 fiscal year in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00.

35. (Geophysical Exploration - City of Santa Barbara - U. O. 297) The Commission was informed that on May 27, 1948, Item 33, Page 858, that a resolution had been received from the City of Santa Barbara requesting that all permits for geological blasting in the Santa Barbara Channel be revoked forthwith and that the phases of the geophysical exploration operations carried on under the cognizance of the Commission were being investigated by the staff. Review of actual field operations carried on by permittees of the State Lands Division has shown that none of the phases of the operations under the cognizance of the Commission have been the source of any complaint and that the destruction of marine life and annoyance through blasting which is under the control of the Division of Fish and Game has been held to a practical minimum.

However, there has also been some evidence that better liaison and closer cooperation between the geophysical exploration contractors and the local political sub-divisions could exist. Extended conferences between all industry representatives, the Division of Fish and Game and the Division of State Lands have resulted in a program for the future conduct, starting October 1, 1948, of all geophysical exploration operations on a joint venture basis whereunder areas to be explored will be covered by one contractor for all interested oil companies thereby absolutely minimizing the destruction of marine life and any nuisance to the public.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer in reply to the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara to state the following:

1. That all phases of the geophysical exploration operations carried on under the cognizance of the Commission have been investigated and that complete compliance has been had from all operators with all of the requirements of the State Lands Division permit for such exploration.

2. That all operations involving the use of explosives in the waters of Santa Barbara County have been conducted pursuant to specific permit from and under the inspection of the State Division of Fish and Game covering the protection of marine life.

3. That by cooperative effort of the oil industry, the Division of Fish and Game and the State Lands Division, a program has been evolved for the conduct of all future geophysical exploration operations on a joint venture basis whereunder the number of explosions, the destruction of marine life and any public nuisance will be held to an absolute minimum through elimination of unnecessary duplication of exploration operations.

4. That it is the desire of the State Lands Commission that all political sub-divisions be informed fully as to any operations proposed to be conducted within their limits under permit of the State Lands Division and that the State Lands Division will assist in every practicable manner in eliminating any undue annoyance or other source of complaint arising out of any of the geophysical exploration operations.

36. (Geophysical Exploration - County of Santa Barbara - W. O. 352) The Commission was informed that a resolution has been received from the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara relative to the conduct of submarine geophysical exploration operations requesting the Fish and Game Commission, the State Lands Commission and the Division of Beaches and Parks to take appropriate action to protect the County of Santa Barbara and particularly its beaches and parks from offshore blasting operations. The resolution is based specifically on one cause of complaint that on July 16, persons using the Caviota Beach Park in Santa Barbara County were ordered from the premises by persons conducting submarine geophysical exploration. Investigation has shown that on the date of the complaint it was suggested by the representatives of the geophysical exploration contractor that swimmers in the area remain out of the water during the setting of explosions in order to avoid bodily harm. Such request was made without the knowledge of any of the local authorities or of any park supervisors.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to reply to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara relative to Resolution No. 8242 of July 19, 1948 in the same manner as recommended for reply to the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara under W. O. 297 as stated hereinbefore.

37. (East Bay Municipal Utility District - Aqueduct Crossings - San Joaquin River, Whiskey Slough, Middle River, all in San Joaquin County, and Old River in San Joaquin and Contra Costa County - W. O. Nos. 316, 317, 318 and 319) The Commission was informed that application has been received from the East Bay Municipal Utility District for right-of-way permits across San Joaquin River, Whiskey Slough and Middle River in San Joaquin County and across Old River in San Joaquin and Contra Costa Counties, each 100 feet in width and of various lengths to be occupied by their aqueduct from the Mokelumne River to the East Bay area. The crossing of Whiskey Slough is above the head of navigation as maintained by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and within the boundaries of a Swamp and Overflowed Land Survey previously sold by the State and, therefore, no permit is required.