

received from such operations, subsequent to June 23, 1947, for ultimate distribution pursuant to agreement of the parties for final judicial order or decree...." The stipulation, which has been renewed annually, and is subject to renewal July 26, 1950, made no provision for reimbursement to the State of costs incurred in administering these leases located on tide and submerged lands.

Pursuant to a request by the Division of State Lands, the Division of Audits studied the accounts of this Division and rendered a report in which these costs were estimated at about \$11,600.00 for a typical month, equivalent to approximately \$140,000.00 annually. These amounts are exclusive of all costs of defense of the State's interest in tide and submerged lands, which have amounted to about \$70,000.00 annually.

Impounding of the royalties received from tide and submerged lands has cut off the major source of revenue flowing to the State Lands Act Fund. Amounts available for transfer for the support of operations of other agencies have thus been curtailed. For the above reasons, and because the State is rightfully entitled to collect its reasonable costs incurred for the administration of tidelands leases, it is deemed proper and advisable in renewing the stipulation between the State and the Federal Government, to propose that the Attorney General be requested to amend the stipulation to provide for collection by the State from the funds impounded, the State's administrative costs incurred from June 23, 1947 through June 30, 1950, and thereafter.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO REQUEST THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE OPERATING STIPULATION ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS OF JULY 26, 1947 AND RENEWALS THEREOF, AT SUCH TIME AS SAID STIPULATION IS RENEWED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION BY THE STATE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES SET FORTH IN THE STIPULATION, FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 23, 1947 AND THEREAFTER, SAID COSTS OF ADMINISTRATION TO BE PAID TO THE STATE FROM THE TREASURY SPECIAL DEPOSIT FUND—RENTALS AND ROYALTIES, TIDE AND SUBMERGED LAND LEASES, UPON PRESENTATION OF A STATEMENT OF THESE COSTS PREPARED AND AUTHENTICATED BY THE DIVISION OF AUDITS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND AFTER APPROPRIATE AUTHORIZATION, THE INCLUSION OF THIS AMENDMENT IN THE RENEWAL OF THE STIPULATION TO BE DISCRETIONARY WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

28. (SALE OF SWAMP AND OVERFLOWED LANDS, LOCATION NO. 4254, FRESNO COUNTY, JULIA E. JONES - SAC. W.O. 5244) The Commission was informed that an offer has been received from Mrs. Julia E. Jones of Bakersfield, California, to purchase Lot 1 (being a fraction in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$) and Lot 4 (being a fraction in the southeast corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of fractional Section 8, T. 4 S., R. 23 E., M.D.M., containing 11.98 acres in Fresno County.

Mrs. Jones has made an offer of \$250.00. The Assessor of Fresno County has assessed the subject land at \$10.00 per acre and contiguous Lot 2 at \$15.00 per acre, thus indicating an appraised value of the land of \$20.00 to \$30.00 per acre. An appraisal by the Commission's staff indicates that the offer as made is adequate.

The land was advertised for sale with a stipulation that no offer of less than \$250.00 would be accepted. Mrs. Jones bid \$250.00.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 1 (BEING A FRACTION IN THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{4}$) AND LOT 4 (BEING A FRACTION IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{4}$) OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 8, T. 14 S., R. 23 E., M.D.M., TO THE SINGLE BIDDER MRS. JULIA E. JONES AT A CASH PRICE OF \$250.00, SUBJECT TO ALL STATUTORY RESERVATIONS, INCLUDING MINERALS.

29. (AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, S.D. ACCOUNTING) The Commission was informed that at its meeting held December 21, 1949, the State Lands Commission granted the Executive Officer authority to execute contracts for the performance of necessary services in connection with the Division of State Lands work in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. This authorization was to expire at the date of the Commission meeting nearest to June 21, 1950, or at the date of the next vacancy in the office of the Executive Officer, whichever occurred first.

The action taken by the Commission has proved beneficial in that the Division of State Lands has been able to perform its work without the delays previously experienced, where the performance of projects had to await Commission action on contractual agreements. The authority has been used to conclude an agreement with the Division of Audits, a Supplementary Agreement with Remington Rand Inc., providing for an extension of time in which to complete the Proprietary Lands Indexing System, and a Supplementary Agreement with the Department of Justice in the amount of \$1500.00, providing additional funds for the prosecution of the Owens Lake Damage Action.

Inasmuch as this authority was expiring, a recommendation for its renewal was placed before the Commission.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED TO CONTINUE IN FORCE FROM THE DATE OF THIS MEETING UNTIL JUNE 30, 1951, OR THE DATE OF THE NEXT VACANCY OF THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, THE AUTHORITY GRANTED THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00, PROVIDED THAT SERVICES TO BE RENDERED ARE FOUND TO BE NECESSARY, AND THAT SUCH CONTRACTS ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE. THE VOTE TAKEN UPON THIS MATTER WAS AS FOLLOWS: CHAIRMAN DEAN, AYE; MEMBER KNIGHT, AYE; MEMBER KUCHEL, NO.

30. (AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR LEGAL SERVICES - W.O. 721, N-5043 and S.D.) The Commission was informed that the following appropriations have been granted the State Lands Commission for the Fiscal Year 1950-51 for the purpose of defending the State's interests in its properties:

Budget Item No. 138 -- Defense of State's Interest in its Tide and Submerged Lands.....	\$70,000.
Budget Item No. 139 -- For the Continuation of the Prosecution of Litigation between the State and the Department of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles.....	\$10,000.
Budget Item No. 140 - Expenses in connection with the Defense of Quiet Title Actions filed in accordance with law.....	\$15,000.

The Department of Justice is continuing to defend the interests of the State Lands Commission and the State in each of these categories. Services are rendered on