

A regular meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in Room 5100 State Capitol, Sacramento 14, California, on Thursday, December 17, 1953, at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Robert C. Kirkwood, Chairman
John M. Peirce, Member
Harold J. Powers, Member

Staff Members in Attendance:

Rufus W. Putnam, Executive Officer
J. Stuart Watson, Assistant Executive Officer
F. J. Hortig, Mineral Resources Engineer
A. P. Ireland, Supervising Land Title Abstractor
Kenneth G. Smith, Supervising Land Title Abstractor
Elsie F. Latta, Acting Secretary

Others in Attendance:

For Item 4 - Oil and Gas Legislation

G. F. Schroeder, Standard Oil Company of California

For Item 20 - Submarine Geophysical Exploration

C. H. Andrews, Member, Ventura County Board of Supervisors
L. A. Price, Supervisor, Ventura County
Willard Smith, Supervisor, Orange County

For Items 20, 21 and 22 - Submarine Geophysical Exploration

L. N. Waterfall, Union Oil Company of California

For Item 29 - Stipulation, Tideland Controversy

Leonard M. Friedman, Department of Justice, Sacramento
Frank Mackin, Department of Justice, Los Angeles

1. UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 1953, WERE CONFIRMED AS SUBMITTED.

2. UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS DECIDED THAT COMMISSION MEETINGS SHOULD BE HELD ON THE LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH IN SACRAMENTO, UNLESS SCHEDULED OTHERWISE, AND THAT EACH MEMBER SHOULD BE CONTACTED TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE REGULAR MEETING DATE FOR CONFIRMATION OF TIME AND LOCATION OF THE MEETING.

3. (PROPOSED UNIT OPERATING AGREEMENT, DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, VISTARIO CORPORATION, THE CAPITAL COMPANY, P.R.C. 729.1, SACRAMENTO COUNTY - W.O. 1512.) An application has been received from the Brazos Oil and Gas Company on behalf of the Dow Chemical Company and the Vistario Corporation for approval of inclusion of a portion of the lands leased to Brazos Oil and Gas Company under Gas Lease P.R.C. 729.1, within a unit operating agreement. The area proposed for inclusion within the agreement is that portion of the lands leased from the State which is considered as productive within the limits of the River Island Field. Assignment of Lease P.R.C. 729.1 from Brazos Oil and Gas Company to Dow Chemical Company and the Vistario Corporation jointly has been approved heretofore and is in process. Approval by the Commission of inclusion of State lands in a unit plan of development is authorized under Section 4532, Public Resources Code, whenever it is determined by the Commission to be necessary or advisable in the public interest. Such agreements are also subject to approval by the State Oil and Gas Supervisor under Section 3301, Public Resources Code, whenever the Supervisor finds that it is in the interest of the protection of oil or gas from unreasonable waste.