

which plans of the counties a state-wide plan shall be made up; but emphasized that the counties are to make up the plans first and submit then, after which the State Lands Commission is to do the coordinating.

In conclusion, Senator Kraft indicated that his Committee was interested in working out all the various problems with the Commission.

6. (SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION, SANTA BARBARA TO ORANGE COUNTIES, STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA - W. O. 2163, P.R.C. 1581.1.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"The Standard Oil Company of California has made application for authorization to conduct submarine geophysical exploration operations on those tide and submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission lying south of a line drawn due West from Point Arguello, Santa Barbara County, and northerly of a line drawn South 60° West from Dana Point, Orange County. An operating permit has been requested for a 90-day period starting January 3, 1956. The Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles and Orange, and the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara have been informed that this application is to be considered. The statutory filing fee has been paid by the applicant.

"It is recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Officer to issue permits, conforming to all operating conditions established by the Commission, to the Standard Oil Company of California for the conduct of geophysical exploration operations on those tide and submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission lying South of a line drawn due West from Point Arguello, Santa Barbara County, and northerly of a line drawn South 60° West from Dana Point, Orange County, for a 90-day period commencing January 3, 1956. Authorization of the proposed explorations shall be subject to the requirement that all exploration results be made available for review by the Commission on a confidential basis for all areas where explorations are conducted within two miles of the perimeter of existing tide and submerged land oil and gas leases or within two miles of onshore producing oil and gas wells. The permittee is to reimburse the State Lands Division for all of its inspection costs. The permit is to be effective only as long as a concurrent permit by the Fish and Game Commission is in effect for the same operating area."

Mr. Horig reported that a letter had been received from William S. Wagner, City Clerk, of the City of Santa Barbara, dated November 28, 1955, stating that the Chief Administrative Officer had asked that the Commission be informed that the continued policy of the City of Santa Barbara has been that it remains opposed to drilling for oil off its shore, but is not opposed to exploration provided that the permit granted contains the provision that such exploration is conducted two miles off the city.

At the Chairman's request, Mr. Horig then briefly reviewed the discussion at the meeting of the Commission of August 16, 1955 in connection with amendments to rules and regulations (Minute Item 28, pages 2435-2443), about confidential retention by a permittee of the information obtained from exploratory operations.

A further discussion followed, during which Mr. Paul K. Home appeared on behalf of the Standard Oil Company. He stated very definitely that if the condition of the permit to make available the information obtained as a result of its exploratory operations for certain areas for the confidential information of the Commission were adopted it did not plan to go ahead with this work. He explained that such explorations were merely supplementary to work already done, and the information obtained as a result thereof would be fragmentary and incomplete and for that reason probably not very useful to the Commission.

Mr. Paul A. Lower, of the Superior Oil Company, appeared as Chairman of a subcommittee of the Western Oil and Gas Association studying regulations, stating that he did not know this particular item was coming up for discussion. He wished to protest any provision in a permit requiring that confidential information be made available to the State Lands Commission. Pending settlement of this question in connection with amendment of rules and regulations, on which matter he was not prepared to submit further information at the current meeting, he suggested deferment of consideration of this particular calendar item.

On the basis that it would be doing Standard an injustice by penalizing it as a "guinea pig", the Executive Officer suggested the withdrawal of the recommendation pertaining to inclusion in the permit of the condition requiring that the results of the explorations be made available for review by the Commission on a confidential basis, provided that this action would not be construed as constituting a precedent in future cases.

It was suggested that the staff confer with Mr. Paul A. Lower and his group prior to the next Commission meeting, and be prepared at that time to make definite recommendations concerning the problem of confidential information obtained as a result of offshore explorations.

Mr. Robert K. Cutler, Deputy District Attorney, appeared on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara to ask that the existing policy for issuing permits offshore from that county be continued, and was assured that this was being done.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE PERMITS, CONFORMING TO ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION, TO THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION LYING SOUTH OF A LINE DRAWN DUE WEST FROM POINT ARGUELLO, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND NORTHERLY OF A LINE DRAWN SOUTH 60° WEST FROM DANA POINT, ORANGE COUNTY, FOR A 90-DAY PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 3, 1956. THE PERMITTEE IS TO REIMBURSE THE STATE LANDS DIVISION FOR ALL OF ITS INSPECTION COSTS. THE PERMITS ARE TO BE EFFECTIVE ONLY AS LONG AS A CONCURRENT PERMIT BY THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION IS IN EFFECT FOR THE SAME OPERATING AREA.

7. (ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION RE VALIDITY OF AMENDED RULES AND REGULATIONS.)  
The following report was presented to the Commission:

"At the meeting of August 16, 1955, the Commission approved and adopted amended Rules and Regulations (Minute Item 28, pages 2435-2443), the validity of which amendments was contested by

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