

A regular meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in Room 709 State Building, Los Angeles 12, California, on Wednesday, November 30, 1955 at 2 p.m.

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

Staff Members in Attendance:

Rufus W. Putnam, Executive Officer
J. Stuart Watson, Assistant Executive Officer
F. J. Hortig, Mineral Resources Engineer
Kenneth C. Smith, Supervising Land Title Abstractor
Frank W. Porter, Administrative Assistant
D. B. Davidson, Associate Civil Engineer
Julia T. Stahl, Secretary

Others in Attendance:

Representing the Office of the Attorney General

Walter S. Rountree, Assistant Attorney General

Senate Interim Committee on Bay Development and Small Boat Harbors

Members:

Fred H. Kraft, Chairman, from San Diego County
John F. McCarthy, from Marin County
Arthur H. Breed, Jr., from Alameda County
James J. McBride, from Ventura County
A. W. Way, from Humboldt County
A. A. Erhart, from San Luis Obispo County
John A. Murdy, Jr., from Orange County

Staff:

James E. Heaverside, Executive Secretary

For Oil and Gas Matters

General Petroleum Corporation

Verne H. Pynn
J. M. Vail

Humble Oil and Refining Company

Richard D. Lower

Monterey Oil Company

John B. Taylor

Shell Oil Company

Donald S. Coys

Standard Oil Company of California

Paul K. Home
L. E. Scott

Superior Oil Company

Paul A. Lower

Hercules Powder Company
Wm. F. McCandlish

County of Santa Barbara
Robert K. Cutler, Deputy District Attorney

1. UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION HELD IN SACRAMENTO ON OCTOBER 10, 1955 WERE CONFIRMED.
2. UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION WOULD BE HELD AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN.
3. (EXCHANGE OF SOVEREIGN LANDS, IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT, IMPERIAL COUNTY W. O. 2218, SOV. LANDS, P.L.R.S.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"The Imperial Irrigation District, in order to comply with the requirements of the International Boundary and Water Commission, which Commission is to build a levee along the right or westerly bank of the Colorado River in the vicinity of the International Boundary with Mexico, has filed a quiet title action against the State and others in the Superior Court of Imperial County, Case No. 29807, to the required lands which they claim are naturally accreted lands to adjacent uplands owned by the District. Because time is of the essence in the acquisition of these lands by the Imperial Irrigation District, the District has now made application to the State Lands Commission to obtain the lands required through the exchange provisions of Section 6307 of the Public Resources Code, which is as follows:

'Section 6307. Exchange of lands: Status of land acquired. Whenever it appears to the commission to be in the best interests of the State, for the improvement of navigation, aid in reclamation, or for flood control protection, on navigable rivers, sloughs, streams, lakes, bays, estuaries, inlets, or straits, the commission may exchange lands of equal value, whether filled or unfilled with any state agency, political subdivision, person, or the United States or any agency thereof. Any land so acquired shall have the same status as to administration, control and disposition as the lands for which it was exchanged.'

"It is the opinion of the Commission's staff that the lands desired by the Imperial Irrigation District are lands that come within the categories of the above-quoted section. It is the further opinion of the staff that the lands offered by the Imperial Irrigation District, which the State will acquire through the provisions of the exchange in the above-quoted code section, are also within the categories described in the above-described section, and specifically that they are lands that may be reclaimed. The lands offered