

Mr. Paul A. Lower of the Superior Oil Company, referring to an area of 16,700 acres to be offered for lease, which area is already authorized to be processed, asked for a report on the present thinking in that area. The Executive Officer stated that the area could be ready for further processing by the September meeting. Mr. Lower then said his company was at a loss to understand why all this loss of time was necessary, and indicated that it was in the interests of the State to take action as early as possible.

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

THE COMMISSION DETERMINES TO OFFER THE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER CONSIDERATION UNDER W. O. 2241 FOR LEASE AS TO ALL OR A PART OF SUCH LANDS AND INCLUDE IN THE OFFERS FOR LEASES SUCH REASONABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH, IN THE OPINION OF THE COMMISSION, ARE NECESSARY FOR THE EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND OPERATION OF THE LEASES IN A MANNER WHICH WILL NOT IMPAIR OR INTERFERE WITH THE DEVELOPED SHORELINE RECREATIONAL OR RESIDENTIAL AREAS. FURTHER, THE COMMISSION DIRECTS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO REFER THE CONSIDERATION OF LEASES UNDER W. O. 2241 TO THE COMMISSION'S BOARD OF CONSULTANTS FOR STUDY AND REPORT AS TO GEOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION UNDER SECTION 6827, PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, AND ECONOMIC AND SURFACE PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS.

15. (IN MEMORIAM - ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL EVERETT W. MATTOON.)

The Executive Officer was directed to prepare a suitable resolution, expressing the Commission's regrets at the passing of Mr. Everett W. Mattoon and its appreciation for his many years of service to the Commission on the tideland and other problems, said resolution to be signed personally by the members of the Commission, for presentation to Mr. Mattoon's widow.

16. (SALARY OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - PERSONNEL.)

The Chairman referred to recent salary increases granted to most State employees, and pointed out that as an exempt employee, not under Civil Service, the salary of the Executive Officer could be increased only after action had been taken by the Commission. He recommended that a two-step increase be given to the Executive Officer, because of the many additional responsibilities which he had been given recently, especially under the new legislation which affects the State Lands Commission, and in view of the fact that it had been observed that the salary for this position is not entirely in line with salaries of other comparable positions.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED INCREASING THE SALARY OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION TWO STEPS, SAID SALARY TO BE FIXED AT \$1100 PER MONTH, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1956, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.

17. (MISCELLANEOUS)

The Chairman gave recognition to Assemblyman Allen Miller as Chairman of the special committee investigating the tideland development. Mr. Miller asked if the Commission contemplated having anything on its agenda regarding limitation on core drilling that was the subject of the Commission's last meeting

in Los Angeles, and whether any action had been taken. The Executive Officer reported that some study in the office had been done, and that the staff was still investigating the matter; however, if the Commission became involved in that type of problem, it would have to be able to patrol and police all exploration work being done. The Executive Officer further stated that removing the 500-foot limitation and putting it at zero was definitely being considered, but that this would require a change in the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Mr. Miller then asked if any permits authorized were taken out, and was informed that six of the seven authorized at the meeting of May 18, 1956 had been accepted, and that the applicant for the seventh permit had indicated that it would accept. The work under one of the permits is already actually in operation. Mr. Miller reported that his committee was continuing to investigate this matter.

Mr. Miller requested information about the area off Long Beach, as to whether anything was being done about opening it up for lease, and was informed by the Executive Officer that the Attorney General's office was working on this problem.

Mr. Miller next asked about Proposition No. 4, indicating that the calendar item he had received was not the same as the one presented at the meeting. The Executive Officer explained that the item as first written was the result of the staff's original study of the problem, but that the staff later learned that if the Commission were to oppose particular items in the bill, it would in effect be opposing the entire bill, which was not the intention; therefore, the staff deleted its recommendation to the Commission and rewrote the item.

Assemblyman Uhrh stated he thought it almost incumbent upon State agencies to study Proposition No. 4 to see how it affects the State's welfare. He is satisfied that it is not going to be decided upon its merits, but that it is going to be decided by the strength of either its advocates or its opponents. He feels that the members of the Legislature and the members of the State Lands Commission are almost forced to inform the public of exactly what this initiative contains.

Senator Sutton stated that he was interested in the small boat harbor program, and indicated that he wanted access to the rules and regulations being set up, as well as to the hearings, etc. The Executive Officer gave a brief resume of the work which had been done to date as a result of the Commission's action at its meeting of January 19, 1956, indicating that each county had been requested to prepare county-wide master plans for submission by July 1, 1956, and that the staff's objective was to be able to report to the Legislature at its next regular session at least the framework of a State-wide master plan for small craft harbors.

Assemblyman Shell indicated that he had no comments to make, stating that although he did not agree with some factors discussed at the meeting, he would reserve his comments until later.