

A regular meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in Room 5100 State Capitol, Sacramento, California, at 9:10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 1956.

Present: John M. Peirce, Chairman  
Harold J. Powers, Member  
Robert C. Kirkwood, 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  
Edward Werner, Associate Property Appraiser and Negotiator  
Julia T. Stahl, Secretary

Others in Attendance:

Representing the Office of the Attorney General  
Jay Shavelson, Deputy Attorney General

Representing the Department of Finance, Audits Division  
Charles J. Joiner

Members of the State Legislature

Bruce F. Allen, Assemblyman  
Jack A. Beaver, Assemblyman  
Francis C. Lindsay, Assemblyman  
Allen Miller, Assemblyman  
Jack Schrade, Assemblyman  
Jesse M. Unruh, Assemblyman

Miscellaneous

Charles W. Johnson, Chief Deputy, Legislative Counsel,  
Assembly Interim Committee, Conservation, Planning  
and Public Works  
Harris E. Hogan (Legislative Budget Committee)  
Assigned to Allen Miller Subcommittee of the  
Assembly Committee on Conservation, Planning and  
Public Works

Representing the City of Long Beach

Loren T. Cornish  
Walfred Jacobson, City Attorney  
John C. Spencer, Jr., Deputy City Attorney

Representing the Port of Long Beach

Raymond F. Berbower  
Robert R. Shoemaker

Representing the Port of Oakland - Minute Item 7

John M. Ellisen, Assistant Engineer  
J. Kerwin Rooney, Port Attorney

For Minute Item 18 - Sale of Vacant Federal Land

Major Joseph L. Freeman, and Mrs. Freeman

For Minute Item 19 - Sale of Vacant Federal Land

Ernest M. McKee, Sr., on his own behalf  
Roland R. Johnsrud, representing E. M. McKee, Sr.  
G. N. Tocher, Attorney, representing E. M. McKee, Sr.

For Minute Item 11 - Alpine-Tuolumne Boundary Controversy

John P. Ryan, representing Alpine County Board of Supervisors  
Loren E. Blakeley, Consulting Engineer, County of Alpine

Representing Oil and Gas Interests

General Petroleum Corporation  
George H. Ketchum

Hancock Oil Company  
Ralph L. Cormany

Jumble Oil & Refining Company  
L. W. Sewell  
Wm. R. Gardner

Monterey Oil Company  
E. E. Pyles

The Ohio Oil Company  
John L. Clymer

Richfield Oil Corporation  
F. E. McPhillips  
Mervyn W. Phelan

Santa Fe Drilling Company  
Harry H. Madley

Signal Oil and Gas Company  
James K. Wootan

Standard Oil Company of California  
L. E. Scott  
Warren Lawrence

The Superior Oil Company  
Paul A. Lower

The Texas Company  
Edward G. Doyle

Tidewater Oil Company  
T. L. Roberts

Union Oil Company of California  
R. F. Bauer  
Sam Grinsfelder  
Earl M. Welty

Western Gulf Oil Company  
J. G. Leovy  
W. S. McEach  
Emmons Sebenius

1. UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF JUNE 29, 1956, OF JULY 2, 1956, OF JULY 12, 1956, AND OF JULY 24, 1956 WERE CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN AND MAILED TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

2. THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION WAS LEFT OPEN, SUBJECT TO LATER DETERMINATION, WITH AN UNDERSTANDING THAT AN ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE TO HOLD IT ABOUT SEPTEMBER 15 TO 20, AND THAT IF POSSIBLE AND CONVENIENT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION IT WOULD BE HELD IN LOS ANGELES.

3. (OIL AND GAS LEASE APPLICATION, SECTION 6871.3 PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - W. O. 2253.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"On May 18, 1956 (Minute Item 17, page 2686) the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to proceed with the processing for lease offer for the extraction of oil and gas from approximately 5,500 acres of tide and submerged lands in the Summerland area, Santa Barbara County. Pursuant to authorization by the Commission on January 19, 1956 (Minute Item 5, page 255-57) notice of consideration for lease offer was published and transmitted to the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara; the Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara; and the Director of Natural Resources. In accordance with the Public Resources Code, the notice specified that any affected city or county might request, in writing to the State Lands Commissioner, that a hearing be held with respect to the offering of a lease prior to April 1, 1956. No requests for a hearing were received. However, it was reported that the Board of Supervisors had determined not to request a hearing on the understanding that the same rules, regulations, and protective lease conditions effective for Lease W. O. 2046 (500-acre lease within a known geologic structure issued to Tidewater Oil Company July 2, 1956) would be applied to any lease offer for the subject area. After inspection of the subject area, the Planning Consultant has recommended that the control conditions included in the aforesaid Lease W. O. 2046 be applied to any lease offer of the 5,500-acre parcel under consideration. The consulting geologist has reported that, in his opinion, 'the 5,500 acres should be classified in accordance with Section 6827 of the Public Resources Code as being "not within the known geologic structure of a producing oil or gas field"'. "

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