

MINUTE ITEM

29. APPLICATION FOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT, SANTA BARBARA, VENTURA, LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES, STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN OPERATIONS, INC. - W.O. 3287, P.R.C. 2450.1.

After consideration of Calendar Item 55 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE TO THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN OPERATIONS, INC., A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 15, 1959 THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 1960, AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION IN THE AREA LYING BETWEEN THE LINE DRAWN DUE WEST FROM POINT ARGUELLO, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND THE EXTENSION SEAWARD OF THE NORTHERLY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, ORANGE COUNTY, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT SPECIFIED FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SECTION 1, ARE TO CONFORM WITH THE FORM OF PERMIT FOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION ON MAY 18, 1956.
2. SECTION 1 OF THE PERMIT SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:
  - "1. HOLES MAY BE DRILLED, PUNCHED, JETTED OR OTHERWISE EXCAVATED UNDER THIS PERMIT ONLY TO A DEPTH AND AT A LOCATION APPROVED IN ADVANCE IN WRITING BY THE STATE LANDS DIVISION."

Attachment

Calendar Item 55 (2 pages)

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On May 18, 1956 (Minute Item 17, pages 2689-94), the Commission established specific conditions for the conduct of geological survey operations on tide and submerged lands.

Depth to which a core hole may be drilled under current permits is limited as follows: "No holes shall be drilled, punched, jetted or otherwise excavated to a depth greater than that required to determine the location of the first competent or correlative stratigraphic bed beneath the ocean floor."

An application has been received from the Standard Oil Company of California, Western Operations, Inc., for a permit to conduct core-drilling operations during the period August 15, 1959 through February 15, 1960, on those tide and submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission in the area lying between a line drawn due West from Point Arguello, Santa Barbara County, and the extension seaward of the northerly limits of the City of Newport Beach, Orange County. The core-drilling operations are to be conducted from mobile marine equipment.

The applicant has requested that the terms of the permit be modified to permit drilling to total depths proposed by the permittee in accordance with individual drilling and casing programs approved by the staff. No formation tests would be authorized, and the core holes would be abandoned in accordance with an approved program for each core hole.

The terms of permits now in effect require staff approval of the depths to which drilling may be conducted in each proposed core hole, but limit the approval to depths not below the first correlative stratigraphic bed. In areas in which the geology is unknown, advance determination of this depth is impossible.

Core-drilling approvals under the modified permit would be limited to those areas where the depth and location of possible productive oil and gas reservoirs is not known at the time of the requested approval.

Section 6826 of the Public Resources Code provides in part: "The commission, however, may permit geological and geophysical surveys on state lands and may grant permits therefor upon such terms and conditions as the commission shall specify by regulation, but any such permit shall not give the permittee any preferential right to an oil and gas lease..."

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE TO THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN OPERATIONS, INC., A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 15, 1959 THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 1960, AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS ON THOSE TIDE AND SUB-MERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION IN THE AREA

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