

MINUTE ITEM
(Uncaledared)

29. APPEARANCE OF MR. ROY BROWN, ATTORNEY, REPRESENTING F. E. GOBER, D.B.A.
GOBER DRILLING COMPANY - GEN. DATA.

Mr. Roy Brown, Attorney for Gober Drilling Company, appeared before the Commission and advised that his client had been informed by the Harbor Department of the City of Long Beach that it was the successful bidder for a contract to drill water-injection wells in Fault Blocks II and III of the Wilmington Field.

Mr. Brown informed the Commission that he had advised his client that it was his opinion that Chapter 29, Stats of 1956, 1st E.S., required that the contract be approved by the State Lands Commission. He also advised that he had previously met with members of the State Lands Commission staff and the Office of the Attorney General, and that it had been concluded by the staff that the subject class of contract did not require State Lands Commission consideration and approval.

Deputy Attorney General Howard Goldin reported that it was the opinion of the office of the Attorney General that Section 10(a) was intended to apply to the basic oil drilling and operating contracts as distinguished from the service contract under consideration.

Mr. Phillip Brady, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Long Beach, concurred with the opinion of the Attorney General.

The Chairman ruled the matter out of order as requiring no Commission action.