

49. PROPOSED OIL AND GAS LEASE, TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS OFFSHORE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - W.O. 7170 (PARCEL 62).

After consideration of Calendar Item 45 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE OFFERING OF A PARCEL OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LAND IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FOR OIL AND GAS LEASE, PURSUANT TO DIVISION 6 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE.

THE LEASE AWARD IS TO BE MADE TO THE QUALIFIED BIDDER OFFERING THE HIGHEST CASH-BONUS PAYMENT IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF AN OIL AND GAS LEASE.

~~THE BID-LEASE FORM TO BE USED FOR THE PARCEL SHALL BE THE FORM APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON APRIL 25, 1968 (MINUTE ITEM 36, PAGE 443).~~

THE AREA PROPOSED TO BE OFFERED, DESIGNATED AS W.O. 7170 (PARCEL 62), IS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND HEREBY MADE A PART HEREOF.

Attachment

Calendar Item 45 (3 pages)

45.

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On February 29, 1968, the State Lands Commission authorized the publication of a Notice of Consideration to offer for oil and gas lease those State-owned lands lying offshore Santa Barbara County and not currently under lease or excluded under Section 6871.2 of the Public Resources Code (Santa Barbara Sanctuary), lying between the Ventura-Santa Barbara County line on the east and the geodetic meridian line of 120° 30' West longitude on the west and south of the line of value  $Y = 360,852.47$  feet on the California Coordinate System, Zone 5. The notice was published on March 15 and on March 22, 1968, in the Santa Barbara News Press and in the Los Angeles Daily Journal. No request for a public hearing was received. It has now been determined that a parcel of tide and submerged land within the above-described area, and designated as Parcel 62 (Exhibit "B"), is an attractive prospect and should be offered for oil and gas lease.

The parcel lies within an area included in the Air Force Western Test Range proposal to establish additional danger zones to the south and east in the Pacific Ocean around Point Conception. In addition, it is adjacent to Outer Continental Shelf lands that were leased by the U. S. Department of the Interior for oil and gas, but which have certain operating and restrictive terms imposed by the Department of Defense.

In the past the Department of Defense has requested the State to include in proposed leases in the same general area, restrictions holding the United States harmless from damage to persons or to property as a result of military offshore missions, as well as provisions for suspension of operations in certain instances. No restrictions, however, have been proposed or imposed upon the upland area adjacent to the State-owned lands.

Although recently revised Federal Regulations, Title 32, Part 252, D.O.D. Offshore Military Activities Program (approved by Deputy Secretary of Defense on June 29, 1968), purport to establish procedures and policies relative to coexistence of military programs and offshore leasing, continued liaison with Department of Defense staff has made it clear that no change in operating policy is forthcoming. The restrictions have been requested within the context of the national interest.

Approximately 118,000 acres of State-owned tide and submerged lands contained in presently established danger zones have been foreclosed from State management and development of potential natural resources. The State thus already has been forced into economic losses from restricted offshore development.

Since such economic losses must be minimized, and since the necessity of the requested restrictions for the effective implementation of military missions in the area has not been demonstrated, it is highly desirable to proceed with the offering of the proposed parcel for oil and gas lease.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR ITEM 45. (CONTD.)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE OFFERING OF A PARCEL OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LAND IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FOR OIL AND GAS LEASE, PURSUANT TO DIVISION 6 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE.

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Attachment: Exhibit "A"

EXHIBIT "A"

A parcel of tide and submerged land in the Santa Barbara Channel and the Pacific Ocean near Point Conception, said parcel being in Santa Barbara County, State of California, and bounded as follows:

1. On the west by the geodetic meridian line of  $120^{\circ} 30'$  west longitude.
2. On the north by the line of value  $Y = 360,852.47$  feet on the California Coordinate System, Zone 5.
3. On the northeast by the Ordinary High Water Mark of the Pacific Ocean along the California mainland.
4. On the south (or southwest) by a line every point of which is 3 geographical miles distant seaward from the nearest point or points of the line of Mean Lower Low Water along either the California mainland, or any islands or low tide elevations within 3000 feet of said California mainland, whichever line shall be further seaward.
5. On the east by the western boundary of Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 2879.1 entered into April 26, 1962, by the State of California and the Union Oil Company of California, and the extensions of said western boundary to intersections with adjacent boundary lines as needed to close the exterior boundary of the herein-described parcel. This east boundary has a value of  $X = 1,255,500$  feet on the California Coordinate System, Zone 5.

Excepting from the foregoing-described area those portions of any included islands which are above the Ordinary High Water Mark, ownership to which may be claimed by parties other than the State of California; provided, however, the aforesaid exception shall in no manner be construed to prejudice or limit the claim of ownership of the State of California to any such islands.

The area of the described parcel is 5,232 acres more or less.