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32. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSITION NO. 9 - W 9504.

After review of Proposition No. 9 on the State ballot for June 6, 1972, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the State Lands Commission has historically and consistently demonstrated a diligent concern for the environment exemplified by the effective policies for the management and regulation of energy development operations on tide and submerged lands, and

WHEREAS, this concern has resulted in an energy extractive program which has never resulted in a detrimental impact on the environment of State of California lands, and

WHEREAS, the State Lands Commission has carefully weighed the various provisions of Proposition 9, and

WHEREAS, this review has resulted in conclusions which parallel those being voiced by a significant and growing number of respected and knowledgeable groups from within scientific, governmental, and educational communities and the environmentally concerned public, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Proposition 9 would clearly disrupt a continued and well-planned effort by the Commission and other governmental agencies to formulate and regulate policies and procedures for the further improvement and protection of California's environment, and

WHEREAS, California relies heavily on revenues generated by existing programs for financing water development projects, water quality programs, and capital outlay programs for higher education, and

WHEREAS, the disordered provisions of this initiative would have a lasting and detrimental impact on the vitally needed energy resource programs under the jurisdiction of the Commission, and

WHEREAS, the legal problems inherent in these and other provisions of the initiative will involve California Government in much time-consuming and extremely costly litigation, and

WHEREAS, the initiative, under the guise of environmental protection laws, would impose many permanent, ill-conceived and harmful conditions and standards upon the public, government and industry, with only minimal benefits to the environment possible; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by a consensus of the State Lands Commission, that the public be advised that enactment of Proposition 9 would be permanently detrimental to the best interests of the people of California and that the various liabilities inherent in the initiative would have many severe and lasting consequences that far outweigh any minimal merits the initiative may possess.