

MINUTE ITEM

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19. CONTRACT FROM SEPTEMBER, 1973, TO JUNE 30, 1974, TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER SERVICES TO BE USED IN MONITORING AN OIL SEEP IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - W 9656.

After consideration of Supplemental Calendar Item 18 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE LANDS DIVISION TO SOLICIT BIDS AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT ON THE STATE'S STANDARD AGREEMENT FORM FOR HELICOPTER FLIGHT SERVICES TO BE USED IN MONITORING AN OIL SEEP IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1973 UNTIL JUNE 30, 1974, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.

Attachment:

Calendar Item 18 (1 page)

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR ITEM

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18.

CONTRACT

Approximately June 8, 1973, an oil slick appeared in the Santa Barbara Channel in the vicinity of Coal Oil Point, Santa Barbara County. A member of the State Lands Division staff inspected the oil leak and noticed that there appeared to be an upwelling of oil and natural gas from the ocean floor.

In order to observe the slick and to monitor any changes in its spread or intensity, the Division entered into an informal agreement with a readily available helicopter charter service. Beginning a few days after the oil slick was first observed, members of State Lands Division staff have made and are continuing to make regular observation flights over the area.

The funding for the helicopter service is at present on an emergency, day-to-day basis. Since it appears that surveillance should continue until the phenomena stabilizes or subsides, it is desired to substitute a formal contractual arrangement for these flight services.

In order to comply with appropriate State regulations, any contract for these services must be put out for formal bid. Before a bid can be accepted, Commission approval is required, and it is this approval which is sought in this Calendar Item.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE LANDS DIVISION TO SOLICIT BIDS AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT ON THE STATE'S STANDARD AGREEMENT FORM FOR HELICOPTER FLIGHT SERVICES TO BE USED IN MONITORING AN OIL SEEP IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1973 UNTIL JUNE 30, 1974, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.