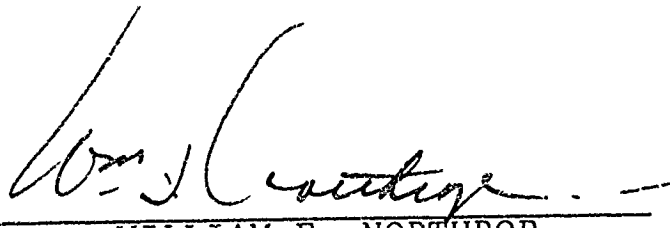


During the meeting Commissioner Dymally read into the record a partial statement defining his opinion of the role of the State Lands Commission. He also requested that the whole question of legislation be on the next meeting's agenda. The entire statement is attached as Exhibit "A" and by reference made a part hereof.

Attachment:

Exhibit "A" (1 page)

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



WILLIAM F. NORTHROP
Executive Officer

Confirmed by Commission
on March 31, 1975



MERVYN M. DYMALLY
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February 27, 1975

TO: Members, State Lands Commission

FROM: Lieutenant Governor Mervyn M. Dymally

RE: Toward a More Vigorous, Meaningful Role for the
Lands Commission

I would like to submit this statement today, and have it entered into the record, on my views that the Commission must go beyond its passive "rubber stamp" role of the past and begin regular discussions and policy-setting on long range questions.

My limited experience, so far, leads me to believe that Lands Commission meetings are largely administrative in nature. It appears that these meetings seldom involve an in-depth examination of the policies underlying staff recommendations and never involve discussions of the formulation of or changes in land policy. The fact is that members of the media and the public have often had occasion to note the brevity of our meetings.

I believe that a change is in order. I think that past and current conduct of the Commission falls short of our responsibilities to the people of California. I, therefore, propose that a major part of future meetings of the Commission be devoted to a discussion in-depth of the major problems which are now, or may in the near future, be facing the State Lands Division as well as some historical background on major land use issues. These briefings should be both for the benefit of ourselves as Commissioners and for the public.

I would like these comments entered on the record and I solicit response from my colleagues on this Commission.

EXHIBIT "A"