

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Minutes of the Meeting of the
State Lands Commission
Sacramento, California

September 29, 1975

A regular meeting of the State Lands Commission was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Cory in Room 2170, State Capitol, Sacramento, California, at 10:07 a.m. on Monday, September 29, 1975.

Present: Kenneth Cory, State Controller, Chairman
Mervyn M. Dymally, Lieutenant Governor, Commissioner
Roy M. Bell, Director of Finance, Commissioner

Staff Members in Attendance:

William F. Northrop, Executive Officer
Robert C. Hight, Staff Counsel
D. J. Everitts, Manager, Energy and Mineral
Resources Development
James F. Trout, Manager, Land Operations
David K. Hayward, Assistant Manager, Long
Beach Operations
Diane Jones, Secretary

Also in Attendance:

Representing the Office of the Attorney General

N. Gregory Taylor, Deputy Attorney General
Katherine E. Stone, Deputy Attorney General

Representing the Office of the State Controller

Keith Seegmiller, Assistant Controller

Appearances:

Re Minute Item 3 - Ceding of Concurrent Jurisdiction

Ralph G. Mihan, attorney, representing the
U. S. Department of Interior, National
Parks Service

Re Minute Item 19 - Public Agency Permit; State Department
of Fish and Game

Honorable Alfred Siegler, Eighth Assembly
District, California State Legislature

Re Minute Item 38 - Authorization to Initiate Ejectment

Proceedings Against John Walsh
John Walsh, in pro per

Re Minute Item 39 - Authorization to Initiate Ejectment
Proceedings Against Joseph Russo

John Walsh, in pro per representing Joseph Russo

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

During the Executive Officer's report, Mr. William F. Northrop, reported on the following items:

1. U. S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR OCS LEASE SALE 35:

Chairman Kenneth Cory presented a statement emphasizing that the Commission's main concern with the Department of Interior's leasing program on OCS Lease # 35 is that a publicly-owned natural resource is not given away. He stated that such questions as how the oil is going to come ashore and liability have to be answered to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. Cory's statement is attached as Exhibit "A".

2. GEOTHERMAL HEARINGS

Commissioner Mervyn M. Dymally reported on the recent geothermal hearings held in Los Angeles and San Francisco. He stated that three proposals were suggested:

- 1) Establish an environmental appeals board to handle appeals from agencies and the public;
- 2) Establish a lead agency to avoid duplication of effort; and
- 3) Limit the EIR requirements or negative declaration for exploratory geothermal wells, followed by a full report if wells seem promising of production

He reported that a Task Force, composed of government, industry and environmental groups, will meet early next month to discuss the above proposals and make recommendations to the Legislature and the Administration to expedite development of geothermal energy.

3. WESTERN STATES LAND COMMISSIONER'S RESOLUTION

Mr. Northrop presented a resolution passed without dissent before the Western States Lands Commissioners Association convention recently held in Hawaii. The Resolution proposes that ownership and jurisdiction of public domain lands under the management of BLM be returned to the States in which they are located, and further that management of the lands be administered by the states in accordance with the public trust. It also proposes that federal legislation be drafted to accomplish such a transfer and that the congressional delegations be contacted for support. Pursuant to Mr. Northrop's request the Commission authorized the staff to assist in drafting such legislation. In addition Mr. Northrop suggested that the Commission work with the California Congressional delegation to effect such a transfer. The Resolution is attached as Exhibit "B".

4. POLICY CHANGE ON SPOIL REMOVAL ROYALTY

5. WESTERN LNG TERMINAL APPLICATION

Pursuant to the Commission's request at the August meeting, the staff presented the information which was requested concerning Western LNG's pending application. Slides were shown which included, among other things, the proposed area to be leased. One of the questions raised by the Commission at the previous meeting was whether or not this was the first step in establishing an LNG terminal in an extremely sensitive area.

6. RECREATIONAL PIER PERMITS

Pursuant to a previous request by Commissioner Mervyn M. Dymally, the staff presented a brief report on existing trespassers which should be brought under lease with the Commission. The areas where the trespasses occurred included Lake Tahoe, Bethel Island and Donner Lake.

Mr Northrop's written comments are attached as Exhibit "C" and by reference made a part hereof.

Attachment:

Exhibit A: (3 pages)
Exhibit B: (2 pages)
Exhibit C: (5 pages)

