

MINUTE ITEM NO. 28
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28. AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS; W 4721.

After discussion of Calendar Item 28, the item was approved subject to the condition that no action be filed provided the revised description appears in the Federal Registry by December 2, 1975.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted, as amended:

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES STAFF COUNSEL AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO FILE A SUIT OR ORIGINAL JURISDICTION IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT TO QUIET TITLE AND SEEK ALL OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF IN CONNECTION WITH SOVEREIGN SUBMERGED LANDS ALONG THE THREE-MILE-LIMIT OFFSHORE BOUNDARY IN ORANGE COUNTY.

Attachment:
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The United States, through the Department of the Interior, proposes to sell oil and gas leases on the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Southern California. A review of the latest lease map discloses the intent of the United States to include lands within this sale, the ownership of which is claimed by the State of California and under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission. The United States Supreme Court, in case of U. S. v California, 382 US 448, recognized that a dispute exists over the boundaries of these parcels of land. The Supreme Court retained original jurisdiction to resolve the question of the disputed boundaries. The parcels of land in question are as follows:

<u>TRACT</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>DISPUTED ACREAGE</u>
35-247	35N, 37W	1
35-248	35N, 36W, 36N, 36W	62
35-256	34N, 35W, 35N, 35W	365

The acreage figures listed above are approximate only. In view of the fact that the Department of the Interior indicates that it will go forward with its program of the sale of oil and gas leases without consideration to resolving the boundary dispute, the staff of the State Lands Division requests immediate litigation to resolve this matter.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSIONER AUTHORIZE STAFF COUNSEL AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO FILE A SUIT OR ORIGINAL JURISDICTION IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT TO QUIET TITLE AND SEEK ALL OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF IN CONNECTION WITH SOVEREIGN SUBMERGED LANDS ALONG THE THREE-MILE-LIMIT OFFSHORE BOUNDARY IN ORANGE COUNTY.