

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

APPEARANCES

Commissioners Present:

Kenneth Cory, State Controller, Chairman  
David Ackerman, Commission-Alternate for Mike Curb,  
Lieutenant Governor  
Roy M. Bell, Deputy Director of Finance,  
Commission-Alternate for Mary Ann Graves,  
Director of Finance

Staff Members in Attendance:

William F. Northrop, Executive Officer  
James F. Trout, Assistant Executive Officer  
Robert C. Hight, Chief Counsel  
D. J. Everitts, Chief, Extractive Development - State  
Leases  
W. M. Thompson, Chief, Long Beach Operations  
A. D. Willard, Supervising Mineral Resources Engineer,  
Leasing and Lease Management  
Les Grimes, Deputy Chief, Division of Land Management  
and Conservation

Representing the Office of the Attorney General:

Jan Stevens, Assistant Attorney General,  
Department of Justice, Sacramento, CA

Re Minute Item 14:

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Alebe, surface owners  
Michael Shoaff, representing Union Oil Co.  
C. E. Woods, representing Aminoil

Re Minute Item 15:

Martin McDonough, representing Northern California  
Power Agency

MINUTES OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION  
MEETING OF  
NOVEMBER 20, 1979

The regular meeting of the State Lands Commission was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Cory at 10:05 a.m. in Room 6028, State Capitol. Also present were Commission-Alternates Roy Bell, representing Commissioner Mary Ann Graves, Director of Finance; and David Ackerman, representing Commissioner Mike Curb, Lieutenant Governor.

The minutes of the meeting of October 29, 1979, were approved as presented.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

With regard to funding of EIR's, outlined in the attached Executive Officer's report, Commission-alternate Roy M. Bell suggested that the staff augment its budget through a special bill instead of requesting the funds from the Department of Finance as the latter option would not be realized until June of 1980.

In addition, the Commission consented to the staff directly responding to local coastal plans unless the comments are counter to Commission policy.

Attachments: Exhibit "A"

EXHIBIT "A"

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

By

WILLIAM F. NORTHROP  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

NOVEMBER 20, 1979

FUNDING OF EIR'S

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THE COMMISSION HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE SOME STEPS OF IMMEDIATE HELP TO THE STATE'S ENERGY NEEDS. AN ADDITIONAL OIL AND GAS FIELD CAN BE EXPLORED AND RAPIDLY DEVELOPED WITH EXISTING CONVENTIONAL TECHNOLOGY. FURTHER GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES CAN ALSO BE DEVELOPED IN THE GEYSERS AREA. WHAT IS NEEDED FIRST, IN EACH CASE, IS THE INITIAL FUNDING FOR DATA COLLECTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS.

OFFSHORE LANDS NEAR PT. CONCEPTION, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CAN BE CONSIDERED AN EXCELLENT PROSPECT FOR OIL AND GAS LEASING. THIS AREA IS BORDERED BY HIGH BONUS-BID FEDERAL LEASES. BEFORE A DECISION CAN BE MADE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO LEASE THESE LANDS, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THIS ACTION MUST BE EVALUATED. ADDITIONALLY, A RESOURCE VALUATION MUST BE MADE IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE BEST PROCEDURES FOR LEASING THE LANDS. APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 WILL BE NEEDED FOR THIS WORK.

AT THE GEYSERS, \$100,000 IS REQUIRED FOR PREPARATION BY CONTRACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS. THESE WOULD BE THE PRELUDE TO COMPETITIVE LEASING OF STATE-OWNED GEOTHERMAL LANDS.

THERE IS CURRENTLY NO PROVISION FOR ADVANCE FUNDING FOR GEOLOGIC AND GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OR EIR PREPARATION FOR THE COMMISSION'S COMPETITIVE ENERGY RESOURCE LEASE PROGRAM.

THESE ACTIVITIES COULD BEGIN AT ONCE IF THE FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE NOW. WITH YOUR CONSENT, I PROPOSE TO LOOK FOR THESE FUNDS THROUGH VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING POSSIBLE BUDGET AUGMENTATION OR LEGISLATION.

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RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE  
STATE LANDS COMMISSION  
AT ITS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 1979

During the meeting, the recommendations of the staff relative to Calendar Items C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10, C11, C12, C13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 were adopted as resolutions of the Commission by unanimous vote.

Commission action on Calendar Items 14, 15 and 21 is set forth on pages 2264, 2270, 2328.

Calendar Items 23, 27 and 28 were withdrawn from the agenda prior to the meeting (see Pages 2350, 2410 and 2412).