TRANSCRIPT OF
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of

STATE LANDS COMMISSION

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
April 29, 1965

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PARTICIPANTS:

THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND STAFF:

Hon. Glenn M. Anderson, Lieutenant Governor, Chairman

Hon. Alan Cranston, Controller

Hon. Hale Champion, Director of Finance, absent -- represented by Mr. John P. Sheehan, Chief Deputy Director of Finance

Mr. F. J. Hortig, Executive Officer

Mr. Alan Sieroty, Executive Secretary to Lieutenant Governor Anderson

Miss Patricia Kimball, Research Analyst, Office of the Controller

Mr. Alfred Maulorico, Administrative Assistant, State Lands Division

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Mr. Jay L. Shavelson, Assistant Attorney General

APPEARANCES:

(In the order of their appearance)

Mr. Ignazio R. Vella, Vice Chairman of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

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APPEARANCES: (continued)

Mr. Charles E. Moffatt, District Design Engineer, District 10, Division of Highways

Mr. Robert B. Krueger, Decon Corporation

Mr. Harold A. Lingle, Chief Deputy City Attorney of the City of Long Beach

Mr. Eugene L. Sembler, Chief Engineer, San Francisco Port Authority

Mr. L. A. Kimball, Assistant General Manager, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

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GOV. ANDERSON: The meeting of the State Lands Commission will come to order. I am informed that Jack Sheehan, the Deputy Director, Department of Finance, is on his way; but it is suggested that we get started anyway.

First item will be permits, easements, and rights-of-way to be granted to public and other agencies at no fee, pursuant to statute:

Applicant (a)State of California, Department of Fish and Game -- Amendment of Life-of-Structure Permit P.R.C. 3195.9, San Joaquin River, San Joaquin County, deleting present legal description and substituting therefor a legal description that will incorporate a location change and increase the width of the parcel a sufficient distance to provide a catwalk for maintenance and operation of the launching ramp.

Applicant (b) State of California, Division of Highways -- Temporary right-of-entry permit, 0.46 acre sovereign lands in bed of Sonoma Creek, Solano County, to be effective during construction of proposed addition to a bridge on Route 37.

Applicant (c) State of California, Division of Highways -- Right-of-way easement over 7.68 acres sovereign lands of Sonoma Creek, Solano and Sonoma counties, needed for protection of a State Highway Route.

(Applicant (d) Humboldt-Del Norte County, Department of Public Health -- Six-month right-of-entry permit over tide

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Applicant (e) Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company -- Agreement approving location of submarine armored communications cable over ungranted tide and submerged lands of Mare Island Strait, Solano County, 150 feet wide and approximately 600 feet long.

(Mr. Sheehan came into the meeting)

GOV. ANDERSON: I announced you were on your way and we are starting this first item and I have just read through (e).

Applicant (f) State of California, Department of Water Resources -- Two-year permit for temporary placement of drill barge and for drilling of test holes in beds of submerged sovereign lands along proposed route of the California Aqueduct Project in Sacramento and San Joaquin counties.

Applicant (g) State of California, Department of Water Resources -- Two-year permit for temporary placement of drill barge and drilling of test holes in submerged sovereign lands along Italian Slough from Old River to Clifton Court Road in San Joaquin, Sacramento, and Contra Costa counties (in connection with planning for the California Aqueduct).

Applicant (h) State of California, Department of Water Resources -- Permit to locate fish-passage facilities for period 4/1/65 through 10/15/67 on 0.147 acre tide and

submerged lands of the Sacramento River, Sacramento County.

MR. CRANSTON: I move approval of all those items.

MR. MORTIG: Mr. Chairman, before action is taken, we have an indication with respect to item (c), the State of California Division of Highways application for a right-of-way easement for a bridge, that there might be a presentation on this matter by the County of Sonoma. We are not aware whether the County has a representative here this morning.

MR. VELLA: The County is represented, sir.

GOV. ANDERSON: Would you identify yourself, please? This is on item ...?

MR. VELLA: Item (c). Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the State Lands Commission, I am Ignazio A. Vella, Vice Chairman of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and their official representative at this hearing, appearing in opposition to the application of the Division of Highways for a right-of-way across public land at the mouth of Sonoma Creek for the announced purpose of constructing a bridge with a twenty-foot vertical clearance across Highway 37.

This fixed-span bridge with a twenty-foot vertical clearance is unacceptable to the County of Sonoma, and I am their official representative in expressing opposition to your granting this permit to the Division of Highways until such time as the County of Sonoma and Division of Highways resolve these mutual differences.

In addition, the counties of Sonoma, Solano and

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Napa have a pending agreement on an all-weather Navy road across a slough contiguous to this one, known as Napa Slough, which cannot be consummated until we have finished our discussion and until you people have finished your deliberations and until the Highway Commission and the County of Sonoma have finished their deliberations and come to an agreement mutually acceptable to us -- because we are going to block off access to this delta region.

I would also point out I have in my possession letters and documents from the Navy Department saying that the Navy facility at Skaggs Island - - I will read only one sentence from that; these are available to your Commission at any time you ask for them. This is from a letter of April 1965 from the Commanding Officer at Skaggs Island:

"Construction of a bridge with a clearance of only twenty feet of vertical clearance would restrict the use of the entire water race around Skaggs Island except for small craft and restrict the use of a navigable waterway."

The reason I bring this to your attention - - In the original findings of fact of the Corps of Engineers and the Highway Department made in 1963 or '64, we did not have the situation we have in southeast Asia that we have today; and Skaggs Island is a Naval facility -- the facility that is used for relays from that area and beams our messages to that area. Consequently, with the problems facing us in 1965, I respectfully request that this Naval facility will not be