

Colonel Robert C. Hunter from the position of Executive Officer. At the same meeting the Commission appointed Colonel Rufus W. Putnam of Los Angeles to succeed Colonel Hunter, the appointment to be effective November 16, 1948. The Commission had heretofore granted powers to Colonel Hunter in his capacity as Executive Officer as the Appointing Authority for the Division of State Lands and to execute claims to the Controller for payment, as well as to authorize withdrawals and transfers from the Cash State, Revolving Fund, and Payroll Revolving Fund Bank Accounts of the Division. It has also granted certain of these powers to J. Stuart Watson, Assistant Executive Officer, F. J. Hortig, Senior Oil and Gas Engineer and Frank W. Porter, Accounting Officer.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing that the powers granted to Colonel Robert C. Hunter be rescinded as of November 15, 1948, the date of his separation from State service. It was further resolved that Colonel Putnam be designated as the appointing authority of the State Lands Commission, have the right to execute claims to the Controller, and be authorized to withdraw and transfer from the Cash State Revolving Fund and the Payroll Revolving Fund Bank Accounts as of November 16, 1948 these same powers as appointing authority of the State Lands Commission, Division of State Lands, the right to execute claims to the Controller for payment and to authorize withdrawals and transfers from the Cash State Revolving Fund and Payroll Revolving Fund bank accounts be conferred upon Rufus W. Putnam, the Executive Officer as of November 16, 1948.

It is further resolved that the powers heretofore granted in this regard to Messrs. Watson, Hortig, and Porter be continued.

46. (Possible Transfer of Mineral Reservation on Escheated Properties from Controller to State Lands Commission - W.O. 381) The Commission was informed that pursuant to direction of the Commission at the October 14, 1948 meeting, the question as to whether present law permits the transfer of the mineral reservation on escheated lands heretofore sold by the Controller to the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission has been discussed with the Attorney General.

Assistant Attorney General Bowers has presented to the Commission an informal opinion on this matter.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the deferment of this item until the next meeting when the Controller could be present.

47. (Tideland Litigation - N-5092) The Commission was informed that at the October 14, 1948, meeting, Assistant Attorney General Everett W. Mattoon appeared and discussed the program with respect to tideland legislation and the Supreme Court's appointment of a Special Master, Honorable D. Lawrence Groner, who is to hold hearings on the litigation in California. At that time, Mr. Mattoon requested that the sum of \$10,000.00 be made available for obtaining the services of expert witnesses to be used at the Master's hearings. As a result of the Commission's action at the October 14, 1948, meeting, details have been worked out with the Director of Finance for the entering into of a contract for an expert witness' services in preparation for the hearing.

Mr. Mattoon appeared before the Commission and gave a lengthy report upon the two items above. Mr. Mattoon was assured of use of all facilities of the State Lands Commission with relation to assistance in the prosecution of all phases of the tideland matter.