

A meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in Room 301 State Building, Los Angeles, on July 26, 1949, at 2:00 P.M.

Present: Honorable James S. Dean, Chairman,  
Honorable Goodwin J. Knight, Member

Absent: Honorable Thomas H. Kuchel, Member.

1. Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meetings of the State Lands Commission held in Sacramento on June 14, 1949 and July 11, 1949, were approved and confirmed as submitted.
2. Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, it was decided to defer setting a date for the next Commission meeting.
3. (Geophysical Exploration - Humble Oil and Refining Company, Santa Barbara County - W.O. 518) The Commission was informed that an application has been received from the Humble Oil and Refining Company for permission to conduct seismic geophysical exploration operations during the period August 1, 1949 to October 31, 1949, inclusive, on those tide and submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission, located between the City of Santa Barbara and Point Conception, Santa Barbara County.

After a discussion of the problem wherein pictures were shown and news stories examined relating to damages reported to have occurred as a result of such geophysical explorations, upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted deferring action on the application of the Humble Oil and Refining Company pending investigation, report and recommendation to the Commission on the establishment of detailed permit requirements for the conduct of geophysical exploration operations.

4. (Geophysical Exploration - County of Santa Barbara - W.O. 525) The Commission was informed that a resolution has been received from the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara relative to the conduct of submarine geophysical exploration operations, which resolution requests the Fish and Game Commission and the State Lands Commission to take appropriate action to discontinue the geodetic blasting in the channel waters off the County of Santa Barbara in order to preserve the marine life in said waters and to protect the pleasure and commercial fishing industries, together with property values, of the County of Santa Barbara.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to reply to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara relative to Resolution No. 8863 of June 20, 1949, stating that thorough investigations are being made, and that effort is being made by the State Lands Commission for the establishment of a future program for geophysical exploration operations which will avoid damages.

5. (Tide Water Associated Oil Company - Application for Lease of Tide and Submerged Lands at Avon, Contra Costa County - W.O. 168, P.R.C. 419) The Commission was informed that the Tide Water Associated Oil Company holds a Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors franchise on tidelands adjoining their refinery at Avon, which franchise expires April 1, 1953. Plans have been drawn for an extension to the existing wharf on this franchise area and application has been received for lease of the wharf area and the tide and submerged lands between the lateral portion of the wharf and the Tide Water Associated Oil Company property line for a period of fifteen years with the right of renewal for an additional period of ten years. It is also requested that rental be adjusted so as to exclude from rental until April 1, 1953,