

32. (SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING COMPANY - W.O. 1327.) The Commission was informed that pursuant to a meeting held December 2, 1952, with representatives of the City and of the County of Santa Barbara, the Humble Oil and Refining Company has requested deferment of consideration on the application filed for a submarine geophysical exploration permit. This request is based on the anticipation that scheduled further conferences with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara and the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara may develop a program for the future conduct of submarine geophysical exploration operations that will be agreeable to the City and County as well as to the applicants.

To date of December 4, 1952, seventeen letters, two telegrams, and one postal card had been received by the Division of State Lands from residents of the Santa Barbara area, protesting issuance of the geophysical exploration permit requested by the Humble Oil and Refining Company. All objections refer primarily to possible future oil development. No objections to specific phases of submarine geophysical exploration operation have been received, and there has been one postal card in support of the geophysical exploration program.

Current operating schedules under existing submarine geophysical exploration permits held by the Humble Oil and Refining Company will probably make it desirable that any geophysical exploration permit for the area offshore from the City of Santa Barbara be authorized by the first week of January, 1953. Therefore, it is anticipated that a special meeting for consideration of this request may be required.

33. (TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS CONTROVERSY, UNITED STATES v. CALIFORNIA - W.O. 721.) Mr. Dean read to the Commission and submitted for filing with the Division of State Lands the following letter, dated December 4, 1952, which he had received from State Senator Arthur H. Breed, Jr., of the Senate Interim Committee on Tidelands:

"I have been told that the State Lands Commission will be considering their participation in the formation of a "States' Submerged Lands Committee" that is proposed to be established for the purpose of securing appropriate quitclaim legislation at the next session of Congress to set at rest the so-called submerged land controversy. As I understand this proposal, there would be three major supporters of this committee and two minor: the major supporters being the states of California, Texas and Louisiana; the minor would be Plaquemines Parish of Louisiana and the City of Long Beach.

"As chairman of the Senate Interim Committee on Tidelands, I have worked closely with the staff members of your State Lands Commission, the representatives of the attorney general of Texas, and the Board of Harbor Commissioners of Long Beach and I know they are pursuing this legislation on a sound and proper basis. It seems to me that California should participate in some joint action with these other two states and that the proper agency of California to participate in this program is your State Lands Commission. I assure you that as long as there is a Senate Interim Committee on Tidelands and if I am chairman of that committee, you will have the full, wholehearted cooperation of my committee within the proper sphere of our participation on this program.

"I would suggest that your participation in this States' Submerged Lands Committee be with the expressed understanding that you are at liberty to pull out whenever you feel it is desirable that you do so. In other words, you may wish to stay with them for four months, or a lesser period, or for only the purposes of acquiring necessary legislation through Congress and not on some other matter that might come up of a similar nature in the future.

"I am of the opinion that we must in a coordinated manner continue to have active representation in Washington, D. C. that is pushing the passage of the legislation we desire. By such efforts, we will be able to take advantage of much of the former educational program in which we have all participated in the past. Therefore, I think it would be a mistake to take for granted at this time that the legislation we desire will be automatic with the convening of the new Congress in January."

Lieutenant Governor Goodwin J. Knight presented to the Commission and for filing with the Division of State Lands copies of a rough draft of a proposal, dated November 25, 1952, received from Robert L. Irvin, Public Relations Counsel, Long Beach, California, in connection with the formation of a "States' Submerged Lands Committee" to be financed by California, Texas, and Louisiana, with assistance from other interested governmental agencies, to facilitate national dissemination of news encouraging public support for State ownership of submerged lands. Under this proposal, the committee would originally be set up for a period of only four months, with a total budget for that period of \$69,700, with California's share of the budget set at \$18,000. As it has not been the policy of the Commission to appropriate money for publicity purposes, no action was taken on the proposal; however, it was referred to the Staff of the Division of State Lands for consideration and for discussion with Assistant Attorney General Everett W. Mattoon.

34. (SANTA FE ROCK AND SAND COMPANY - W.O. 1289, P.R.C. 774.1.) State Senator Hugh P. Donnelly appeared before the Commission on behalf of some of his constituents, stating that they are concerned as to what is to happen to their land on the Tuolumne River, Stanislaus County, in the area where the Santa Fe Rock and Sand Company has in the past conducted unauthorized removal of sand and gravel from the bed of the stream. Senator Donnelly has received reports that in spite of the action taken by the Commission at its meeting on September 30, 1952 (Item 34, Minute Pages 1638-39), the Santa Fe Rock and Sand Company is continuing to remove gravel, and also as yet has not started removal of the road which it had constructed in the bed of the river, thus jeopardizing the upland property on both sides of the river.

Mr. Watson stated that he had personally made a trip to the area about three weeks ago, and at that time the work which had been ordered by the Commission to protect the interests of the upland property owners as well as those of the State apparently was being carried on. He further reported that Mr. F. J. Hortig, Mineral Resources Engineer, had visited the area about a week ago, and it appeared at that time that the directive to the Santa Fe Rock and Sand Company was being carried out.

The Executive Officer indicated that further investigations would be made, and that action would be taken to protect the interests of the upland owners