

"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

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and to see that the directive of the Commission was carried out, stating that in order to accomplish this it might be necessary to assign a full-time inspector to the area in question.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

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