

A special meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in Room 5100 State Capitol, Sacramento 14, California, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 8, 1953.

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

Staff Members in Attendance:

Rufus W. Putnam, Executive Officer
J. Stuart Watson, Assistant Executive Officer
F. J. Hortig, Mineral Resources Engineer
A. P. Ireland, Supervising Land Title Abstractor
Elsie Latta, Acting Secretary

Others in Attendance:

For Item 7 - Submarine Geophysical Exploration, Santa Barbara County

Vern B. Thomas, District Attorney of Santa Barbara County
Ralph L. Cernony, of Standard Oil Company of California
Warren Lawrence, of Standard Oil Company of California
H. C. Bemis, Chief Geophysicist, Standard Oil Company of California
Norris Montgomery, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara
J. F. Goux, Attorney-at-Law
Curtis Johnson, General Petroleum Corporation
Joe B. Hudson, Humble Oil and Refining Company
Frank A. Clarvoe, Editor of the Santa Barbara News-Press

1. UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 1952, 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. (SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, KERN COUNTY, APPLICATION NO. 10521, RAYMOND F. STOCKTON - S.W.O. 5433.) An offer has been received from Raymond F. Stockton of Bakersfield, California, to purchase Section 16, T. 30 S., R. 34 E., M.D.M., containing 640 acres in Kern County. Mr. Stockton has made an offer of \$2,240, or \$3.50 per acre.

The Assessor of Kern County has assessed contiguous lands at \$1.75 per acre, thus indicating the appraised value of those lands to be \$3.50 per acre. An inspection and appraisal by a member of the Commission's Staff on November 12, 1952, sets the minimum value for the subject land at \$4 per acre.

The subject land lies at an elevation of from 3300 to 4200 feet, is partially mountainous, and has an intermittent stream thereon; the soil is sandy and rocky. The land supports buckwheat, bull pine, scrub oak, juniper, chaparral, a sparse growth of buckbrush, and yucca. The land is accessible by an existing dirt road through private land. Its only value is for grazing, except for about thirty acres suitable for a holding corral.

Before advertising the land for sale the applicant was advised that the minimum appraised value was \$4 per acre. He posted the necessary amount to meet the appraised value of \$2,560. The land was advertised for sale with a