

A regular meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in Room 5100 State Capitol, Sacramento 14, California, on Tuesday, February 9, 1954, at 2 p.m.

Present: Robert C. Kirkwood, Chairman
Harold J. Powers, Member
John M. Peirce, Member

Staff Members in Attendance:

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

Others in Attendance:

For Items 25, 26 and 27 - Submarine Geophysical Exploration
L. N. Waterfall, Union Oil Company of California

For Items 20, 22 and 27 - Submarine Geophysical Exploration
J. J. Callahan, Santa Barbara City Councilman

For Items 21, 22, 23 and 24 - Submarine Geophysical Exploration
J. G. Leovy, Western Gulf Oil Company

1. UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION HELD IN SACRAMENTO ON DECEMBER 17, 1953, AND OF THE MEETING HELD IN LOS ANGELES ON JANUARY 8, 1954, WERE CONFIRMED AS SUBMITTED.

2. (PROPOSED OIL AND GAS LEASE, TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS, RINCON, VENTURA COUNTY - W.C. 1436.) Tide and submerged lands adjacent to the Mussel Shoals Tract, Punta Gorda, Ventura County, are being drained by wells operating under existing State Oil and Gas Leases P.R.C. 429 and P.R.C. 427. (A finding that the State lands are being drained or may be drained is required by Section 6872, Public Resources Code, as a condition precedent to authorization to the Commission to offer tide and submerged lands for lease.) 667 acres of this area adjoining the existing leases were previously included in Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 144, issued June 19, 1944. However, proper development of the area was not secured under this lease and the area was quitclaimed June 14, 1949. Additional production history, further geologic studies and geophysical exploration have again focused interest of several prospective bidders on any potential lease offer for the area of tide and submerged lands extending westerly from the existing offshore oil and gas leases in the Rincon Oil Field. It is proposed that approximately two square miles of tide and submerged lands adjoining the existing offshore oil and gas leases be offered for lease pursuant to competitive public bidding in accordance with the Public Resources Code. Well location proposals by bidders may include location of any single or combination specification to locate wells upon an upland drill site littoral to the tide and submerged lands to be leased, on filled lands, or upon any pier heretofore constructed for drilling purposes and available for such drilling upon any tide or submerged lands described in any valid existing lease heretofore issued pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 303, Statutes of 1921. (All of such specifications for well locations are provided for in Section 6873, Public Resources Code.)