

23. (AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - W. O. 1855.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"Pursuant to Section 6873.2, Public Resources Code, before offering any tide and submerged lands area for oil and gas lease, the Commission shall publish notice thereof, 'and any affected city or county may request that a hearing be held with respect thereto'. In conjunction with the first notice authorized by the Commission under Chapter 1724/1955 (Minute Item 11, page 2513), the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to conduct the requisite hearing (Minute Item 12, pages 2513-14). In addition to this notice of possible lease offer, four additional notices have now been authorized (Minute Item 2, pages 2530-33; Minute Item 3, pages 2533-34; Minute Item 4, page 2534; Minute Item 5, pages 2534-37) which it is anticipated will result in appropriate requests for public hearings. Section 6873.2, Public Resources Code, also provides that 'Authority to hold the hearings provided in this Section may be delegated by the commission to its officers or employees.' The authority to hold public hearings in connection with oil and gas operations has not been included in the delegations of authority by the Commission to the Executive Officer heretofore (Minute Item 29, pages 1782-1797)."

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSIDERATION OF OIL AND GAS LEASE OFFERS BY THE COMMISSION AS SPECIFIED AND AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 6873.2, PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, IN THOSE CASES WHERE AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED CONSIDERATION FOR LEASING LANDS IN A SPECIFIED AREA. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT THE REQUISITE HEARINGS ONLY IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE A REQUEST FOR SUCH A HEARING HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY A QUALIFIED CITY OR COUNTY.

24. (EXCHANGE OF SOVEREIGN LANDS, IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT, IMPERIAL COUNTY - W. O. 2218, SOV. LANDS, P.L.R.S.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"Pursuant to the authorization vested in the Executive Officer by the Commission on November 30, 1955 (Minute Item No. 3, pages 2492-93), a form of patent, to be signed by the Governor, is being prepared for the benefit of the Imperial Irrigation District.

"In order that the Imperial Irrigation District may complete its transaction with the Federal Government, it is contemplated that when the title to the lands in question is transferred from the Imperial Irrigation District to the Federal Government, the State will convey to the Federal Government the reserved mineral rights therein, in accordance with applicable provisions of Sections 6307 and 6402, Public Resources Code, and in accordance with negotiations for settlement of litigation described as Imperial Irrigation District vs. Charles A. Bump, et al., Imperial County Superior Court No. 29807."

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: