

MINUTE ITEM

18. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CONDUCT SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION, SANTA BARBARA, VENTURA, LOS ANGELES, ORANGE AND SAN DIEGO COUNTIES - SHELL OIL COMPANY - W.O. 3326, P.R.C. 2485.1.

In connection with the presentation of Calendar Item 45 attached, the Executive Officer reported that there had been a protest by the County of Santa Barbara to the issuance of the requested permit, which protest had been withdrawn with the understanding that the exploration will not involve any of the "sanctuary area" in Santa Barbara County, and that the applicant, Shell Oil Company, has specifically agreed to this understanding.

Mr. Stanley Tomlinson, City Attorney of the City of Santa Barbara, introduced the Mayor of Santa Barbara, Edward L. Abbott, and then explained the position of the City of Santa Barbara in connection with the application, to the effect that the permit, when granted, should exclude an area three miles offshore from the City, and that a prohibition against exploration should include the entire "sanctuary area".

The Executive Officer reported that nine exploration permits involving the same general subject area were issued in the past without objection by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County or the City of Santa Barbara.

UPON MOTION MADE BY MR. CRANSTON, DULY SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A PERMIT TO THE SHELL OIL COMPANY, CONFORMING TO ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION, FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATIONS ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION LYING BETWEEN A LINE DRAWN DUE WEST FROM POINT CONCEPTION, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD COMMENCING OCTOBER 15, 1959, WITH THE EXPRESS UNDERSTANDING THAT NO EXPLORATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE "SANCTUARY AREA" OF SANTA BARBARA. THE PERMITTEE IS TO REIMBURSE THE STATE LANDS DIVISION FOR ALL OF ITS INSPECTION COSTS. THE PERMIT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE ONLY AS LONG AS A CONCURRENT PERMIT BY THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION IS IN EFFECT FOR THE SAME OPERATING AREA.

Attachment
Calendar Item 45 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

45.

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Shell Oil Company has made application for authorization to conduct submarine geophysical exploration operations on those tide and submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission lying between a line drawn due West from Point Conception, Santa Barbara County, and the southern boundary of the State of California. The Boards of Supervisors of the counties of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego and the Mayor and Council of the City of Santa Barbara have been informed that this application is to be considered. The statutory filing fee has been paid by the applicant.

The Fish and Game Commission has approved the application of the Shell Oil Company for a permit to conduct seismic exploration offshore from the California coast south of Point Conception, Santa Barbara County.

Section 6826 of the Public Resources Code provides in part: "The Commission shall require, as a condition to the issuance of any permit under this section that the permittee make available to the Commission, upon request, all factual and physical exploration results and records resulting from the operations under the permit."

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE A PERMIT TO THE SHELL OIL COMPANY, CONFORMING TO ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION, FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATIONS ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION LYING BETWEEN A LINE DRAWN DUE WEST FROM POINT CONCEPTION, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD COMMENCING OCTOBER 15, 1959. THE PERMITTEE IS TO REIMBURSE THE STATE LANDS DIVISION FOR ALL OF ITS INSPECTION COSTS. THE PERMIT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE ONLY AS LONG AS A CONCURRENT PERMIT BY THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION IS IN EFFECT FOR THE SAME OPERATING AREA.