

MINUTE ITEM

40. UNDERWATER OBSTRUCTIONS, TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS, SUMMERLAND AREA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - W.O. 3399, GEO.-SANTA BARBARA CO., P & C.

Following presentation of Supplemental Calendar Item 49 attached, the Executive Officer reviewed briefly the history of unauthorized drilling in the Summerland area before the time the State adopted legislative control and started issuing leases. When these unauthorized wells were abandoned, casings and pilings were usually left in place by the operators. A previous expenditure by the Commission of \$25,000 had resulted in the cleanup of all visible obstructions in the swimming zone, but subsequent erosion of beach sand now indicates at low tides the existence of additional projecting hazardous obstructions.

The Chairman asked if any other areas in the State were in the same hazardous condition, and was informed by the Executive Officer that the staff was not aware of any others, and that it does not appear likely since the Summerland area was the only place where extensive operations were carried on prior to any State law covering oil and gas leasing.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SUBMERSIBLE OPERATIONS CORPORATION, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PREPARATION OF A MAP-TO-SCALE, WITH AN ACCOMPANYING REPORT, LOCATING THE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL POSITION OF ALL UNDERWATER OIL CASINGS OR OTHER PROJECTING OBSTRUCTIONS IN A PREDETERMINED AREA OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS OFFSHORE OF SUMMERLAND, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. IN RETURN FOR SERVICES RENDERED, THE CONTRACTOR IS TO RECEIVE A SUM NOT IN EXCESS OF \$1,900. CONTRACT COSTS ARE TO BE CHARGED TO APPROPRIATION-SUPPORT - STATE LANDS DIVISION, ITEM NO. 129, CHAPTER 1300/59.

Attachment

Calendar Item 49 (2 pages)

SUPPLEMENTAL

CALENDAR ITEM

49.

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On July 24, 1959, the following letter was received from the County Clerk of Santa Barbara County:

"State Lands Commission  
302 State Building  
Los Angeles 12, California

"Attention: Francis J. Hortig, Executive Officer

"Gentlemen:

"This office has been directed by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County to call your attention to the fact that there exists in the tidelands offshore Summerland, in proximity to beaches used by the public for fishing, boating, skin-diving, etc., remnants of a number of partially submerged pipes and oil well casings which have caused serious injuries to persons using these beach areas.

"Although the original appropriation of State funds accomplished a great deal toward alleviation of this man-made hazard, additional work remains to be done.

"The Board of Supervisors is especially concerned that there not be a recurrence of recent accidents in the area and to that end are hereby requesting an allocation of State funds for this purpose."

Further representations respecting this matter were made by Senator John J. Hollister, Jr., Thirty-first Senatorial District, Santa Barbara County. Subsequent investigation revealed the following facts:

1. Because of the hazardous nature of the obstructions in the water in the area, the Board of Supervisors of the County had restricted the use of the beach.
2. Investigation by the staff indicated that despite previous demolition and clearance there were still many old well casings and pipes projecting from the ocean bed in the particular area involved. (It should be pointed out that these old well casings and pipes, left in place, were the result of early day trespasses in connection with the extraction of oil and gas and that the trespassers were not bound to clear the area when production ceased.)
3. Staff review of the problem resulted in the conclusion that remedial action should be taken by surveying the area and preparing maps which

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would pin point the location of all obstructions, after which a contract for clearance could be let, based on the survey made.

In accordance with the foregoing, specifications were prepared for the issuance of a contract to survey the area and prepare a map locating all projecting obstructions with reasonable precision.

In answer to requests for offers from concerns who were felt to be qualified to undertake the work, the following bids were received and opened February 5, 1960:

Marine Construction Company, Inc., Santa Barbara, California	- \$3,696.00
Submersible Operations Corporation, San Diego, California	- \$1,900.00
Pafford & Associates, Los Angeles, California	- \$3,700.00

The bids submitted indicated Submersible Operations Corporation to be the qualified low bidder, and hence eligible for the award of a contract.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SUBMERSIBLE OPERATIONS CORPORATION, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PREPARATION OF A MAP-TO SCALE, WITH AN ACCOMPANYING REPORT, LOCATING THE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL POSITION OF ALL UNDERWATER OIL CASINGS OR OTHER PROJECTING OBSTRUCTIONS IN A PREDETERMINED AREA OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS OFFSHORE OF SUMMERLAND, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. IN RETURN FOR SERVICES RENDERED, THE CONTRACTOR IS TO RECEIVE A SUM NOT IN EXCESS OF \$1,900. CONTRACT COSTS ARE TO BE CHARGED TO APPROPRIATION-SUPPORT - STATE LANDS DIVISION, ITEM NO. 129, CHAPTER 1300/59.