

MINUTE ITEM

21. CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF PROPOSED PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF BODEGA BAY BY THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, PER CHAPTER 1064/1959 - W.O. 3733.

Following presentation of Calendar Item No. 15 attached, Commissioner Carr asked for a report on the proposed project from the County of Sonoma. Mr. F. B. Sales, Consulting Engineer for the County of Sonoma, stated that a proposal had been placed on the bond election to authorize the sale of two million dollars worth of general obligation bonds, which will provide dredging in the harbor which is needed in order to provide usable deep water for the commercial fishing fleet, to be dredged to a maximum depth of twelve feet. If the bond issue is authorized, it is anticipated that the work can be done coincidentally with a maintenance operation by the Corps of Engineers, for which expenditures for the present fiscal year have already been authorized by Congress. It is felt that by awarding the contract for dredging coincidentally with that for the work of the Corps of Engineers, a lower bid can be obtained. It is contemplated that this maintenance dredging will provide a deep channel, not only for the existing commercial fishing fleet which operates out of Bodega Bay, but also for a very considerable recreational development on the tidelands of the southeast corner of the Bay. It is proposed that sanitary facilities will be provided for the Doran Park area, which is well patronized and of considerable benefit to other counties than Sonoma. It is also proposed to provide for the creation of marinas, boat-launching ramps, and facilities of that nature, as well as to provide an area which can be developed by commercial interests for parking lots, restaurants, etc., the revenue from which will accrue to the County of Sonoma and will be utilized for the retirement of the bond issue if it is approved. Negotiations have been completed also which will result in the location of a Coast Guard station within the area of the development.

Commissioner Carr stated that he approved the policy of having a county take the initiative in developing this type of area, thus getting more recreational facilities developed in usable areas without obligation to the State.

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CARR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

THE COUNTY OF SONOMA HAVING PRESENTED TO THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION UNDER DATE OF SEPTEMBER 29, 1960, A PLAN FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS IN BODEGA BAY DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 1064, STATUTES OF 1959, THE COMMISSION NOW DETERMINES THAT SUCH PLAN AND THE IMPROVEMENTS CONTEMPLATED THEREIN WOULD, IF COMPLETED, CONSTITUTE SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT WITHIN THE MEANING OF SUBDIVISION (g) OF SECTION 1, CHAPTER 1064, STATUTES OF 1959, AND SAID PLAN IS HEREBY CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION (h), SECTION 1 OF SAID STATUTE.

Attachment
Calendar Item 15 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

15.

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF PROPOSED PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF BODEGA BAY BY THE COUNTY OF SONOMA PER CHAPTER 1064/1959 - W.O. 3733.

Chapter 1064, Statutes of 1959, conveyed certain tide and submerged lands in Bodega Bay to the County of Sonoma and also repealed Chapter 1406 of the Statutes of 1951.

Subdivision (g) of Section 1 of Chapter 1064, Statutes of 1959, provides "that within 10 years from the effective date of this act said lands shall be substantially improved by said county without expense to the State and if the State Lands Commission determines that the county has failed to improve said lands as herein required, all right, title and interest of said county in and to all lands granted by this act shall cease and said lands shall revert and rest in the State."

Subdivision (h) of Section 1 of Chapter 1064/1959 provides that the County of Sonoma may within 10 years from the effective date of this act present a proposed plan for the improvement and development of Bodega Bay to the State Lands Commission. If the Commission determines that the plan and improvements contemplated therein would, if completed, constitute substantial improvement within the meaning of Subdivision (g) of Section 1, it shall conditionally approve the plan.

A proposed plan for the improvement of Bodega Bay was presented to the State Lands Division by the County of Sonoma through the consulting engineering firm of Sarles, Brelje & Race. This plan was reviewed by the staff of the State Lands Division and was found to be comprehensive and adequate, and would, if completed, constitute substantial improvement within the meaning of Subdivision (g) of Section 1, Chapter 1064/1959.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

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