

MINUTE ITEM

15. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CONDUCT SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS; CONTRA COSTA, NAPA, SACRAMENTO, SAN JOAQUIN, AND SOLANO COUNTIES; SHELL OIL COMPANY - W.O. 4911.

The Executive Officer read into the record a telegram received from Shell Oil Company, referring to its application for a geophysical permit covering inland waters in the Sacramento River and Honker Bay areas, on which action had been deferred at the meeting of the Commission on November 6, 1963, due to a conflict in language recited in current geophysical permits for offshore operations and the Public Resources Code, Section 6826; in this telegram Shell advised it had requested the placing of a Supplemental Calendar Item on the agenda for the November 21 meeting to correct conflict in language. The Executive Officer explained that the staff could not give the Commission a recommendation for issuing such a permit at this meeting, since the reviews by the office of the Attorney General and the State Lands Division had not been completed.

Mr. R. F. Karshner, appearing on behalf of Shell Oil Company, said that while his company had hoped the matter might be considered at this meeting, they recognized the possibility that it could not be done; he indicated that if it could not be accomplished without a special meeting, his company would concur in the judgment of the Commission.

The Chairman explained that part of the problem in resolving this type of question was the heavy workload of State Lands Commission problems currently being carried by the Office of the Attorney General.