

MINUTE ITEM

29. OIL AND GAS LEASE OFFER, SECTION 6871.3, PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE; SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY - W.O. 5584.

After consideration of Calendar Item 28 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 6873.2 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, THAT THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO CONSIDER OFFERING A LEASE FOR THE EXTRACTION OF OIL AND GAS FROM CERTAIN TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS SITUATE IN PROJECTED SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, AND 23, T. 2 N., R. 4 E., M.D.B. & M., IN THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS LYING IN THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER ADJACENT TO MANDEVILLE, MEDFORD, TINSLEY, AND FERN ISLANDS; MIDDLE RIVER ADJACENT TO MANDEVILLE ISLAND; WHISKEY SLough ADJACENT TO MEDFORD ISLAND; CONNECTION SLOUGH LYING WITHIN MANDEVILLE ISLAND; AND LITTLE CONNECTION SLOUGH ADJACENT TO LITTLE VENICE ISLAND AND VENICE ISLAND; CONTAINING 810 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

Attachment

Calendar Item 28 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

28.

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Section 6871.3, Public Resources Code, provides in part: "Whenever it appears to the Commission that it is for the best interests of the State to lease lands subject to the provisions of Section 6871.1 or 6877 of this Code for the production of oil or gas therefrom, or whenever a person who possesses the qualifications provided in this chapter makes written request therefor, the Commission may, subject to the provisions of Section 6871.4, offer the same for bidding at such times and in such parcels as the Commission shall determine to be in the best interests of the State."

A request has been received that the Commission consider offering for oil and gas lease, pursuant to competitive public bidding under the Public Resources Code, 310 acres more or less of sovereign lands underlying San Joaquin River, Middle River, Connection Slough, and Whiskey Slough, San Joaquin County (Exhibit "A"). The area proposed for consideration lies southerly and easterly of State Easement 415.1 (Rio Vista Gas Field).

Section 6873.2, Public Resources Code, provides in part: "Before offering any tide or submerged land area or beds of navigable rivers or lakes in any area for an oil and gas lease, the Commission shall publish notice thereof, and any affected city or county may, within thirty (30) days after the publication of such notice request in writing to the Commission that a hearing be held with respect thereto.... The Commission in its discretion and irrespective of any such requests may hold such hearings as it shall determine."

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PROCEED WITH THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 6873.2 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, THAT THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO CONSIDER OFFERING A LEASE FOR THE EXTRACTION OF OIL AND GAS FROM CERTAIN TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS SITUATE IN PROJECTED SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, AND 23, T. 2 N., R. 4 E., M.D.E. & M., IN THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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