

39. BUDGET REPORT, LONG BEACH PERSONNEL - W.O. 5100.7, W.O. 5200.2.1.

The Executive Officer, in response to a question by the Chairman, reported on the proposed budget augmentation by the Department of Finance, stating that a recommendation had been made by the Assembly Subcommittee on Ways and Means to the full committee for approval of only 8 new positions at Long Beach rather than the 85 positions requested. The report of the subcommittee was adopted by the full committee. Later an amendment was proposed by the subcommittee to add three workload positions for the Sacramento office of the State Lands Division. These three positions had been inadvertently omitted from the earlier subcommittee report.

Immediately prior to today's Commission meeting, the Executive Officer had met with representatives of the Senate Finance Subcommittee and had indicated that it was the feeling of the State Lands Division and of the Department of Finance that the total supervision responsibilities for all the Long Beach tideland oil and gas operations could not initially be discharged effectively to the degree required by Ch. 138, Stats. of 1964, with a staffing of less than 45 positions. In the future, based on actual workload, the additional staffing needed will more nearly approach the figure set by the Commission's consultants; i.e., 85 positions. Adequate staffing, if available, would result in additional oil and gas recoveries and, therefore, additional revenues to the State far exceeding the costs of such additional staffing.