

MINUTE ITEM

1/26/66

31. DEFERMENT OF ACTION ON MODIFIED FORM OF PROSPECTING PERMIT, MODIFIED FORM OF PROSPECTING PERMIT FOR GEOTHERMAL STEAM, AND APPLICATIONS FOR PROSPECTING PERMITS FOR GEOTHERMAL ENERGY FROM DECCAXAGON CORPORATION AND GIANNECCHINI, ET AL.; CEASER GIANNECCHINI, ET AL.- W.O.'s 5615, 4495D, 5364, 5102, 5517, 5554, 4550.11, AND 5666.2.

The following telegram from Senator Fred S. Farr, Chairman of the Fact Finding Committee on Natural Resources, dated January 25, 1966, which had been sent to all Commission members, was read into the record:

"The Senate Natural Resources Committee staff is meeting with the leaders of the geothermal industry in Sacramento tomorrow, January 26th, preparatory to introducing legislation of far-reaching significance in the geothermal resources field. It would be appreciated by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources if the State Lands Commission would hold up action on geothermal permits or leases pending conclusion of the Committee's investigation and formulation of legislative policy. Perhaps sufficient information will be available as a result of this workshop on proposed legislation to aid the Commission in its deliberations on this subject at its next regular meeting."

On the basis of the foregoing recommendation, the Commission deferred action until its next regular meeting on all matters on the agenda relating to prospecting permits and to applications for prospecting permits for geothermal energy.