

MINUTE ITEM

1/26/66

33. CONSIDERATION OF OIL AND GAS LEASE OFFER, SECTION 6871.3 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, SANTA BARBARA AND VENTURA COUNTIES - W.O. 5901.

After consideration of Calendar Item 45 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC REVIEW, AT THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFER FOR OIL AND GAS LEASE OF STATE-OWNED TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS SURROUNDING SAN MIGUEL, SANTA ROSA AND SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS. THE RECORD OF THIS REVIEW IS TO BE REPORTED TO THE COMMISSION PRIOR TO THE DETERMINATION BY THE COMMISSION AS TO THE SPECIFIC LANDS TO BE OFFERED FOR LEASE, AND THE LEASE FORM TO BE USED IN ANY OFFER OF AN OIL AND GAS LEASE IN SAID AREA.

Attachment

Calendar Item 45 (1 page)

45.

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Section 6873.2 of the Public Resources Code requires that "Before offering any tide or submerged land 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... Published notices shall be given in the manner prescribed in Section 6834 of this chapter..." Section 6834 provides, in part, that "The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the lands or greater portion thereof are situated..." The Commission, in its discretion and irrespective of any such requests, may hold such hearings as it shall determine.

On November 18, 1965 (Calendar Item 14, page 36), the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to proceed with the publication of the notice required by Section 6873.2 of the Public Resources Code that the Commission intends to consider offering leases for the extraction of oil and gas from the area of tide and submerged lands surrounding San Miguel, Santa Rosa, and Santa Cruz Islands, and extending seaward three nautical miles from the line of ordinary low water. The area contains approximately 356,335 acres.

The authorized notice was published, as required, on November 26, and on December 3, 1965; and on November 26, 1965, copies of the notice were sent to the Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara; to the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara; to the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara; to the Board of Supervisors, County of Ventura; and to the City Council of the City of Ventura. The City Council of Santa Barbara acknowledged, and ordered placed on file, the communication regarding the notice.

Senator Alvin C. Weingand, 31st Senatorial District, Santa Barbara County; Assemblyman Winfield A. Shoemaker, 36th Assembly District; and Frederick Eissler of the Sierra Club have written to the Chairman of the State Lands Commission requesting a public hearing on this matter.

The office of the Attorney General has advised that the Commission may hold a public hearing (but is not required to do so by statute), depending upon its views as to what is necessary to protect the public interest.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC REVIEW, AT THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFER FOR OIL AND GAS LEASE OF STATE-OWNED TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS SURROUNDING SAN MIGUEL, SANTA ROSA AND SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS. THE RECORD OF THIS REVIEW IS TO BE REPORTED TO THE COMMISSION PRIOR TO THE DETERMINATION BY THE COMMISSION AS TO THE SPECIFIC LANDS TO BE OFFERED FOR LEASE, AND THE LEASE FORM TO BE USED IN ANY OFFER OF AN OIL AND GAS LEASE IN SAID AREA.