MINUTE ITEM

13. PERMIT TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, STATE SCHOOL LANDS AND RESERVED MINERAL INTERESTS IN HONEY LAKE AREA, LASSEN COUNTY; GULF OIL CORPORATION - W 9562, PRC 4863.2.

After consideration of Calendar Item 14 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION:

- 1. CERTIFIES THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE DIVISION FOLLOWING EVALUATION OF COMMENTS AND CONSULTATION WITH AGENCIES WHICH WILL ISSUE APPROVALS FOR THE PROJECT.
- 2. CONSIDERS AND ADOPTS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 143.
- 3. DETERMINES THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
- 4. APPROVES THE AMENDMENT OF THE FORM OF PERMIT TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES (FORM 31.2, REV. 4/73) ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.
- PURSUANT TO SECTION 6904 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO GULF OIL CORPORATION TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ON SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 16 EAST, MDM, LASSEN COUNTY, CONTAINING 640 ACRES MORE OR LESS, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 31, 1974, THROUGH JANUARY 30, 1977, UTILIZING THE STANDARD FORM OF PERMIT APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON MAY 29, 1969 (MINUTE ITEM 44, PAGE 649), AS AMENDED ON MARCH 29, 1973 (MINUTE ITEM 11, PAGE 190), AND AS AMENDED ABOVE; SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS INCORPORATED IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 143 AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

Attachment:

Calendar Item 14 (2 pages)

PERMIT TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

APPLICANT:

Gulf Oil Corporation.

LOCATION:

Honey Lake Area, Lassen County.

TYPE OF LAND:

Vacant State school lands and reserved mineral interests.

ACREAGE:

640 acres, more or less.

SURFACE OWNER:

The State of California (160 acres), Harry S. Cooper and Warren A. Tinsley (480 acres). The private surface owners have declined to exercise their preferential right to a prospecting permit pursuant to Section 6922 of the Public Resources Code.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

- a. Application approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
- b. Land has not been classified as known geothermal resources land.
- c. Statutory filing fee, permit fee, and expense deposit have been submitted by applicant.

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The permit form has been amended to include the conditions of Exhibit "A" in the body of the permit form. A provision has been added to require the permittee to submit semi-annually detailed exploration plans. The amended form has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Environmental Impact Report No. 143 has been prepared and is on file in the office of the State Lands Commission, available for public review. The report, covering exploratory operations, concludes that the proposed prospecting operations will not have a significant detrimental environmental effect. Upon discovery of geothermal resources, the preferential right to convert the permit into a geothermal lease will be subject to an additional environmental impact report covering the proposed commercial operations.

EXHIBIT:

A. Location Map.

CALENDAR ITEM NO. 14. (CONTD)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

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