

MINUTE ITEM

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16. SOLICITATION OF BIDS AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER SERVICE FOR THE 1975-1976 FISCAL YEAR IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - P & C.

During consideration of Calendar Item 14 attached, Chairman Kenneth Cory asked whether the proposed contract is based on a flat fee or on an hourly basis. Mr. William F. Northrop, Executive Officer, indicated that it is on an hourly basis with a floor, not to exceed \$15,000.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION TO SOLICIT BIDS AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT ON THE STATE'S STANDARD AGREEMENT FORM FOR HELICOPTER FLIGHT SERVICES TO BE USED FOR SURVEILLANCE AND INSPECTION FLIGHTS IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1975, THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.

Attachment:

Calendar Item 14 (1 page)

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SOLICITATION OF BIDS AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT
TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER SERVICE

Following a major upwelling of oil and natural gas from the ocean floor near Coal Oil Point in the Santa Barbara Channel in 1973, helicopter service was obtained for surveillance of the phenomenon.

This helicopter service has been found to be extremely useful in observing the activities of this and other natural seeps in the channel, in locating leaks in underwater gas lines, and in the surveillance of oil spills. The service also makes it possible to make unscheduled visits to the offshore drilling and production structures for inspection purposes to insure compliance by the operators with State Lands Commission operating procedures.

It is the opinion of the State Lands Division staff that this helicopter service should be continued through the 1975-1976 fiscal year.

To comply with appropriate State regulations, any contract for these services must be put out for formal bid. Commission approval is required before a bid can be accepted.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION TO SOLICIT BIDS AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT ON THE STATE'S STANDARD AGREEMENT FORM FOR HELICOPTER FLIGHT SERVICES TO BE USED FOR SURVEILLANCE AND INSPECTION FLIGHTS IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1975, THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.

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