

MINUTE ITEM

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1. EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL BY THE CITY OF LONG BEACH -
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On June 26, 1975, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Cory at 10:30 a.m. However, due to developments which occurred, the meeting was recessed until the next day, June 27 at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Iver Skjeie, Assistant Attorney General, appeared but withheld comment.

On June 27, 1975, Chairman Cory called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m. After discussion of various options, the Commission adopted the resolution set forth below.

Mr. William F. Northrop, Executive Officer, asked if the record should show that it is the intent of the Commission that the firm of Blecher, Collins, and Hoecher (the special counsel being employed by the City of Long Beach) is to be the lead counsel in this suit. The Commissioners, however, felt that that distinction should be left up to the attorneys involved and should not be made by the Commission.

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

THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE CITY OF LONG BEACH EMPLOYMENT OF THE LAW FIRM OF BLECHER, COLLINS, AND HOECHER TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY, INCLUDING LITIGATION, TO RECOVER DAMAGES ARISING FROM THE ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH TIDELAND CONTRACTORS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF LONG BEACH TO FILE ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION AND TO CONFER WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SEEK THEIR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN ANY SUIT FILED.

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Pursuant to the January 14, 1975 Commission meeting, the Commission and the City of Long Beach have interviewed various law firms about the feasibility of the Commission and/or the City of Long Beach filing an action to recover damages arising from the actions of the City's Contractors in the Long Beach tidelands. The Long Beach tidelands are operated by the City for itself and the State under the supervision of the Commission (Chapter 138, 1st E.S., Statutes of 1964).

All of these firms have advised the Commission that based on presently known facts, there is more than sufficient evidence to bring an action for damages arising from the actions of the City's Contractors.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE CITY OF LONG BEACH EMPLOYMENT OF THE LAW FIRM OF BLECHER, COLLINS, AND HOECHER TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY, INCLUDING LITIGATION, TO RECOVER DAMAGES ARISING FROM THE ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH TIDELAND CONTRACTORS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF LONG BEACH TO FILE ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION AND TO CONFER WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SEEK THEIR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN ANY SUIT FILED.

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