

A meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in the office of the Department of Finance, State Building, Los Angeles, at 10:00 a.m., August 23, 1938.

Present were:

A. E. Stockburger, Chairman  
George J. Hatfield, Member  
Harry B. Riley, Member

Chairman Stockburger: I directed the Executive Officer to call this meeting in response to a request from Mr. Hatfield for the purpose of consideration of charges filed by an agent of the State Personnel Board against Carl B. Sturzenacker, Chief of the Division of State Lands, and Arthur H. Alexander, Petroleum Production Inspector, of the Division of State Lands, and for the further purpose of determining the action, if any, which this Commission might take with respect to the suspension of these employees pending hearing of the charges by the Board, and decision.

The Chairman then presented to the Commission a communication from George Jackson Claire, Secretary of the State Personnel Board, with copies of complaints filed with the State Personnel Board of the State of California, No. 96 entitled "Norris J. Burke, Complainant, vs. Carl B. Sturzenacker, Respondent," and No. 97 entitled "Norris J. Burke, Complainant, vs. Arthur H. Alexander, Respondent."

After discussion of opinion No. NS 1165 of the Attorney General dated August 22, 1938, relating to the status of purported resignations heretofore filed by Carl B. Sturzenacker and Arthur H. Alexander, Mr. Hatfield proposed resolution as follows:

"WHEREAS, Under date of August 18, 1938, George Jackson Claire, as Secretary of the State Personnel Board, forwarded to the State Lands Commission copy of charges filed by Norris J. Burke as authorized representative of the State Personnel Board on the 13th day of August, 1938, against Carl B. Sturzenacker, Chief of Division of State Lands of the Department of Finance and/or the State Lands Commission, and against Arthur H. Alexander, Petroleum Production Inspector in the Division of State Lands of the Department of Finance and/or the State Lands Commission, respectively, praying for permanent removal from the State civil service of said Carl B. Sturzenacker and said Arthur H. Alexander, copies of which charges are on file before the State Lands Commission; and

"WHEREAS, George Jackson Claire, Secretary of the State Personnel Board, under date of August 18, 1938, has advised the State Lands Commission that copy of said charges so preferred against Arthur H. Alexander was served on said Arthur H. Alexander in Los Angeles on the 17th day of August, 1938, and copy of said charges so preferred was served on said Carl B. Sturzenacker on the 18th day of August, 1938;

"NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the California State Lands Commission hereby suspends Carl B. Sturzenacker as Chief of the

Division of State Lands of the Department of Finance and/or the State Lands Commission until such time as the charges against said Carl B. Sturzenacker shall have been heard by the State Personnel Board and a decision rendered by it, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That said Arthur H. Alexander be suspended as Petroleum Production Inspector in the Division of State Lands of the Department of Finance and/or the State Lands Commission until such time as the charges against said Arthur H. Alexander shall have been heard by the State Personnel Board and a decision rendered; and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That each of the said suspensions be effective as of this date."

Chairman: Shall the resolution be put?

Mr. Riley: I move the resolution be put.

Chairman: Call the roll.

The roll was called, and the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes - A. E. Stockburger, George J. Hatfield, Harry B. Riley.

Noes - None

Chairman: The resolution is adopted.

Mr. Hatfield: I move that copies of resolution as adopted by this Commission be furnished to the following:

State Personnel Board  
State Controller  
Carl B. Sturzenacker  
Arthur H. Alexander

Mr. Riley: I second the motion.

Chairman: The motion is carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.