

A meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in Room 308, State Capitol, Sacramento, November 4, 1943, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present

Hon. John F. Hassler, Chairman
Hon. Frederick F. Houser
Hon. Harry B. Riley

Absent

None.

1. The minutes of the State Lands Commission held in Sacramento on October 6, 1943, were, upon motion duly made and carried, unanimously approved and confirmed as submitted.
2. The Executive Officer reported to the Commission in connection with six informative matters. These matters were as follows:
 - a. Offer of the Pure Oil Company to lease 520 acres of vacant School Lands located in Imperial County for a consideration of 12½ per cent royalty on any oil that might be produced and an annual rental of 50 cents per acre per year.
 - b. Request of the Pauley interests (Petrol Corporation) to lease for natural gas development, certain San Joaquin River land located near the boundaries of Fresno and Madera Counties.
 - c. Information that Standard Oil Company had developed gas production near the town of Vernalis approximately three quarters of a mile from the San Joaquin River, the submerged area of which is under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
 - d. Information that extensive prospecting was now being carried on and new discoveries of oil and gas had been made in the Riverdale area in Fresno County.
 - e. Information that oil and gas had been discovered in the Helm area located in Fresno County near Fresno Slough.
 - f. Information that an application had been received from Mr. H. B. Brown, requesting the State Lands Commission to advertise certain submerged lands offshore from Seal Beach for bids for lease for oil development and production.

In addition to the report of the Executive Officer in connection with the above enumerated matters, geological reports were submitted and prepared by Dr. E. K. Soper, the Commission's Consulting Geologist, relative to Items b, c, d and e. Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the Commission instructed the Executive Officer to further investigate the matters set forth under enumeration a, b, c, d and e and report back to the Commission with recommendations at a subsequent date.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried and after the Commission was further informed that, pursuant to their action previously taken on August 25, 1943, wherein the Commission had approved the advertising for bid for lease of such lands, in the event the Zone Variance Ordinance which was then pending before the City Council of Long Beach was passed, that the Executive Officer proceeded to advertise an area consisting of approximately 240 acres oceanward of the ordinary high water mark and located immediately South of the boundaries of Orange and Los Angeles Counties at the mouth of the San Gabriel River, the Commission approved the action of the Executive Officer in advertising the area described in Item f. The Executive Officer was requested to furnish each member of the Commission with a copy of the advertisement referred to under said Item. The Executive Officer informed the Commission that the drilling site or sites would each be located at least 1500 feet landward of the ordinary high water mark.

3. (State Oil and Gas Lease No. 91, P.R.C.) Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the Commission confirmed the action of the Executive Officer, wherein he had approved an assignment from H. R. Hamilton, Operator, his assignees and successors to Huntington State Company. Such assignment consisted of drilling and production rights within the sixty acres surrounding six wells to be drilled on Lease No. 91, P.R.C. It was brought to the Commission's attention that the Executive Officer had approved this assignment, subject to the original Lessee, H. R. Hamilton, Operator and the successors in interest to this Lessee continuing to assume liability under all the provisions and conditions of the Lease.

4. (State Oil and Gas Lease No. 91, P.R.C.) Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the Executive Officer was authorized to approve the partial assignment of H. R. Hamilton, Operator, his assignees and successors in interest, to the Huntington State Company. Such assignment conveys to the Huntington State Company, the forty to sixty acres surrounding the next four to six wells which are to be drilled subsequent to the completion of the first six wells previously assigned to Huntington State Company. Such assignment to be approved subject to the original Lessees and their assignees and successors in interest agreeing to assume all liability under the terms and provisions of Lease No. 91, P.R.C.