

A meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in Room 308, State Capitol, Sacramento, April 7, 1944 at 3:20 P.M.

Present:

Hon. James S. Dean, Member
Hon. Frederick F. Houser, Member
Hon. Harry B. Riley, Member

Absent:

None.

1. Due to the resignation of Mr. John F. Hassler, Director of Finance and Chairman of the State Lands Commission, it was necessary to elect a new Chairman. Mr. James S. Dean, the Director of Finance and ex-officio member of the State Lands Commission was nominated and elected as the new Chairman.
2. Upon motion duly made and carried, the minutes of the State Lands Commission meeting held in Sacramento on January 27, 1944, were unanimously approved and confirmed as submitted.
3. Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the next meeting of the State Lands Commission was set for May 5, 1944 at 3 p.m. in Sacramento. The June meeting will be held in Los Angeles, June 5th at 10 a.m. Succeeding meetings of the State Lands Commission will be held thereafter on the first Thursday preceding the first Friday of each month; or the last Thursday of the month preceding the first Friday of the succeeding month where such first Friday falls upon the first of the month.
4. (Possible Trespass of Elwood Upland Wells on State Lands) Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted instructing the Executive Officer to advise all Elwood operators concerned that a hearing on the matter of possible trespass of Elwood Upland wells on State Land will be held in the Los Angeles office of the Commission at 10 a.m. on June 5, 1944. The Executive Officer was instructed to advise the interested parties to present their positions in the matter orally and to file with the Commission a written brief thereof. The Executive Officer was further instructed to secure from the Attorney General, an informal and general opinion regarding the rights of the State in this matter; and a specific opinion as to the possibility of owners or operators of upland property recovering from the State royalty heretofore paid to the State by State Tideland Lessees for oil produced from wells whose surface location is upon State land, but which might be bottomed on the uplands.