

34. (Contract - Photostating and Blueprinting - 48 - 49th Fiscal Year) The Commission was informed that in order to provide for necessary photostating and blueprinting services used by the Operations and Engineering Sections, a new contractual agreement has been drawn with the Rapid Blue Print Company for the 1948 - 1949 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$1,200.00. Inasmuch as an investigation indicates that all concerns in the Los Angeles area providing these services were uniform as to price, it was deemed advisable to allow Rapid Blue Print Company to continue performing this service.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to enter into a contractual agreement with the Rapid Blue Print Company for necessary blueprinting and photostating services for the 1948 - 1949 fiscal year in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00.

35. (Geophysical Exploration - City of Santa Barbara - U. O. 297) The Commission was informed that on May 27, 1948, Item 33, Page 858, that a resolution had been received from the City of Santa Barbara requesting that all permits for geological blasting in the Santa Barbara Channel be revoked forthwith and that the phases of the geophysical exploration operations carried on under the cognizance of the Commission were being investigated by the staff. Review of actual field operations carried on by permittees of the State Lands Division has shown that none of the phases of the operations under the cognizance of the Commission have been the source of any complaint and that the destruction of marine life and annoyance through blasting which is under the control of the Division of Fish and Game has been held to a practical minimum.

However, there has also been some evidence that better liaison and closer cooperation between the geophysical exploration contractors and the local political sub-divisions could exist. Extended conferences between all industry representatives, the Division of Fish and Game and the Division of State Lands have resulted in a program for the future conduct, starting October 1, 1948, of all geophysical exploration operations on a joint venture basis whereunder areas to be explored will be covered by one contractor for all interested oil companies thereby absolutely minimizing the destruction of marine life and any nuisance to the public.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer in reply to the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara to state the following:

1. That all phases of the geophysical exploration operations carried on under the cognizance of the Commission have been investigated and that complete compliance has been had from all operators with all of the requirements of the State Lands Division permit for such exploration.

2. That all operations involving the use of explosives in the waters of Santa Barbara County have been conducted pursuant to specific permit from and under the inspection of the State Division of Fish and Game covering the protection of marine life.