

A special meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in Room 5100 State Capitol, Sacramento 14, California, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, 1952.

Present: Honorable James S. Dean, Chairman
Honorable Thomas H. Kuchel, Member

Absent: Honorable Goodwin J. Knight, Member

Staff Members in Attendance:

J. Stuart Watson, Assistant Executive Officer
A. P. Ireland, Supervising Land Title Abstractor
Elsie Latta, Acting Secretary

1. UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 1952, WERE APPROVED AND CONFIRMED AS SUBMITTED.

2. UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS DECIDED TO DEFER SETTING A DATE FOR THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING.

3. (APPLICATION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT, NORTH FORK OF MOKELUMNE RIVER, SACRAMENTO COUNTY, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO AS APPLICANT - W.O. 1341, P.R.C. 781.1.) The County of Sacramento has requested a right-of-way easement 250 feet in width and 210 feet in length across the North Fork of the Mokelumne River for the construction, maintenance and use of a swing bridge on the Walnut Grove-Thornton Road. The width requested is to permit the swing opening of the bridge. Neither filing fee nor rental is required.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE TO THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO A RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT 250 FEET IN WIDTH AND 210 FEET IN LENGTH ACROSS THE NORTH FORK OF THE MOKELUMNE RIVER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF A SWING BRIDGE, EASEMENT TO BE FOR SUCH PERIOD OF TIME AS THE AREA IS USED FOR THE PURPOSE INTENDED.

4. (RENEWAL, LEASE P.R.C. 483, E. H. FRENCH, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY - W.O. 1342.) E. H. French was issued a lease of the tide and submerged lands formerly occupied by the Grangers Warehouse in the San Joaquin River. The lease was effective November 21, 1949, for one year, with right of renewal for fourteen additional periods of one year each. Renewal has been requested for another year, rental having been received.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE TO E. H. FRENCH A ONE-YEAR RENEWAL OF LEASE P.R.C. 483 COVERING THE GRANGERS WAREHOUSE AREA, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, UPON RECEIPT OF BOND CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE, ALL OTHER TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE LEASE TO CONTINUE IN EFFECT.

5. (REQUEST FOR DEFERMENT OF DRILLING AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS, HONOLULU-SIGNAL-MACOLL, COAL OIL POINT AREA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - P.R.C. 308.) On April 18, 1952 (Minute Page 1537, Item 20), the Commission authorized the deferment of the drilling and operating requirements under Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 308 for the period April 24, 1952, to December 1, 1952, subject to concurrence with or nonobjection to the grant of such deferment by the U. S. Oil and Gas Supervisor, Department of the Interior. The primary basis

for the grant of deferment was to permit analysis of the data developed from the drilling of a then newly proposed well under the adjoining Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 309, to establish whether any further drilling would be justified under the subject lease P.R.C. 308. The drilling of a new well under Lease P.R.C. 309 was commenced May 15, 1952, and has been carried forward diligently.

The Signal Oil and Gas Company, on behalf of the lessees, Honolulu-Signal-Macoil, has requested the further deferment of drilling and operating requirements under Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 308 for a period of one year in consideration of the continuation of development activities under Lease P.R.C. 309 and of the status of the question of title to the submerged lands at the location of the lease.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO GRANT SIGNAL OIL AND GAS COMPANY, HONOLULU OIL CORPORATION, AND MACOIL CORPORATION, LESSEES UNDER STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 308, AN ADDITIONAL DEFERMENT OF THE DRILLING AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SUBJECT LEASE FOR ONE YEAR TO DECEMBER 1, 1953, SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE WITH OR NONOBJECTION TO THE GRANT OF SUCH DEFERMENT BY THE U. S. OIL AND GAS SUPERVISOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

6. (RICHMOND-SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE, MARIN AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES, ACQUISITION BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - P.R.C. 212, P.R.C. 361, P.R.C. 703 - W.O. 1383, P.R.C. 782.1.) The Commission will recall that on January 4, 1952 (Minute Page 1507, Item 6), it authorized issuance to the Department of Public Works of Right-of-way Easement P.R.C. 703, covering a 1000-foot width right-of-way for the purpose of constructing a bridge across San Pablo Bay from Castro Point in the City of Richmond, Contra Costa County, to Point San Quentin near San Rafael, Marin County. The bids for bonds for financing this bridge, in the amount of \$62,000,000, are to be opened by the California Toll Bridge Authority on December 29, 1952. The Richmond & San Rafael Ferry & Transportation Co. is operating the ferry system between these two points at the present time, under a franchise from the Department of Public Works. When the bridge is completed they will be forced out of the ferry business. It is expected that the bridge will be completed in approximately three and one-half years.

A tentative agreement has been reached between the Toll Bridge Authority, the Ferry Company, and the Staff of the Division of State Lands, which agreement will be presented to the Public Utilities Commission on December 16, 1952, for its concurrence insofar as the agreement affects its jurisdiction. The State Lands Commission has been made a party to this agreement because of the fact that two leases for piers have been issued by the Commission to the Ferry Company, which facilities, under this agreement, are being purchased by the Toll Bridge Authority. Most of the facilities on the Marin County side will be utilized as part of the Marin County side approach to the new bridge. The pier and slips on the Richmond side are not necessary for incorporation in the bridge, but the Department of Public Works has determined that it is more economical for the State to make arrangements to acquire these facilities should the Ferry Company not find a definite use for them.

In the agreement between the Department of Public Works and the Ferry Company, in which agreement the State Lands Commission is a third party, it is proposed to cancel Tideland Lease P.R.C. 361 on the Marin County side, and to enter into a short-term lease with the Ferry Company whereby it will continue to