

6. (CORRECTIONS TO MINUTE ITEMS.)

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED CORRECTING THE FOLLOWING MINUTE ITEMS:

- (1) ITEM 18, MINUTE PAGE 1670, OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 1952; AND ITEM 3, MINUTE PAGE 1625, OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1952 - ADOLPH G. SUTRO - CHANGED NO. P.R.C. 742.1 TO P.R.C. 742.6.
- (2) ITEM 4, MINUTE PAGE 1662, OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 1952 - A. J. WHEELER - CHANGED NO. P.R.C. 771.1 TO P.R.C. 777.1.

7. (SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING COMPANY - W.O. 1327.) The Humble Oil and Refining Company has made application for authorization of the conduct of submarine geophysical exploration work on those tide and submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission lying westerly of the easterly limits of the City of Santa Barbara, as extended, easterly of the westerly limits of the City of Santa Barbara, as extended, and southerly of an east-west line drawn two miles offshore from the old Santa Barbara lighthouse, during the period December 1, 1952, to March 1, 1953, inclusive. Seismic shots would be limited to the submerged land areas more than six miles from shore and to three lines of shots two, four and six miles from shore, and to two north-south lines extending two to six miles from shore, respectively. In addition, the seismograph work would be completed in not more than 20 working days at some time during the permit period. Deferment of consideration of this application was requested by Humble Oil and Refining Company at the December 5, 1952, meeting, but the Commission's consideration is now desired.

The Department of Fish and Game has granted a concurrent permit for the use of explosives in connection with the proposed operations. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, the District Attorney of the County of Santa Barbara, and the Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara have been informed that this application is to be considered. The District Attorney of Santa Barbara County has reported that while the County is withdrawing opposition to the granting of the subject permit, such withdrawal is based on the assumption that either the Legislature or the State Lands Commission will impose restrictions on any future offshore drilling that would be satisfactory to the County. The City of Santa Barbara has filed a letter protest against the permit application of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and the Mayor of Santa Barbara has been authorized to appear and reiterate the protest of the City Council. In addition, numerous letters of objection have been submitted by individuals in connection with the subject application, the majority of which object to offshore drilling only, and do not object to geophysical exploration operations.

Mayor Norris Montgomery of the City of Santa Barbara, and Editor Frank A. Clarvoe of the Santa Barbara News-Press appeared before the Commission to protest issuance of a geophysical exploration permit.

District Attorney Vern B. Thomas of Santa Barbara County appeared before the Commission to present a file of letters in protest against oil drilling. He

stated that the County of Santa Barbara had withdrawn its objection to the geophysical explorations requested.

Messrs. J. F. Goux, Curtis Johnson, and H. C. Bemis appeared before the Commission to give their reasons as to why a geophysical exploration permit should be issued.

Mr. Curtis Johnson was asked if the Humble Oil and Refining Company would go ahead with exploration operations (if a permit was granted) even though they might not later be able to drill. He said "Yes", and explained why. He was then requested to write a letter to the Commission to that effect.

Mr. H. C. Bemis, Chief Geophysicist of the Standard Oil Company of California, asked that he be furnished with a copy of this minute item, to be addressed to him c/o Standard Oil Company, P. O. Box 278, Oildale, California.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, ACTION UPON THE REQUEST OF THE HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING COMPANY FOR A PERMIT TO CONDUCT SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION LYING WESTERLY OF THE EASTERLY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, AS EXTENDED, EASTERLY OF THE WESTERLY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, AS EXTENDED, AND SOUTHERLY OF AN EAST-WEST LINE TWO MILES OFF-SHORE FROM THE OLD SANTA BARBARA LIGHTHOUSE, IS TO BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION.

8. (TORRENS TITLE SYSTEM - W.O. 252.) At the meeting on December 5, 1952 (Minute Item 31, Page 1678), a discussion was had of a draft of the SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS of a report prepared on the Torrens Title System, as required by the Budget Act of 1949. At that meeting it was decided to defer action pending further discussion and revision.

As a result of an exchange of correspondence and further informal discussion at the meeting of the Commission on December 18, 1952, certain revisions have been made to the draft of the SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS that was under consideration at the meeting of December 5, 1952. These were submitted to the Members of the Commission by letter dated December 29, 1952.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED APPROVING THE SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TORRENS TITLE REPORT AS ATTACHED HERETO, AND AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF THE ENTIRE COMPOSITE REPORT AND ITS REFERRAL, TOGETHER WITH THE SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS, TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE.