

Department of the Navy - Naval Air Station  
Alameda County  
Additional Storage

at such time as may be determined by the Executive Officer, the proceedings and determinations of all such hearings to be reported to the Commission for final consideration and action.

18. (AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR LEGAL SERVICES - W.O. 721 AND GENERAL DATA.)

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Executive Officer is authorized to execute contracts with the Attorney General for services to be rendered as follows:

For defense of the State's interest in its tide and submerged lands . . . . .	\$20,000.00
For defense of quiet title actions in accordance with Law . . . . .	5,000.00

such contracts to provide for services for the 1953-54 Fiscal Year. The afore-mentioned contracts shall be encumbrances against Appropriation Items 143, Defense of the State's Interest in its Tide and Submerged Lands, and 142, Support - Division of State Lands, Chapter 971/53, respectively.

By letter dated June 15, 1953, the Chief Administrative Officer of the Department of Justice advised that his estimate of the costs of services to be rendered the State Lands Commission for the defense of the State's interest in its tide and submerged lands and defense of the State in quiet title actions was \$20,000 and \$5,000 respectively. He requested that contracts for such services be issued to the Department of Justice in the afore-mentioned amounts.

Although the passage of the "Submerged Lands Act" (HR 4198) has restored to California its marginal sea included within the original State boundaries, there still remains a considerable amount of work to be done with respect to this matter. The action begun by the United States which resulted in the Supreme Court decision of June 23, 1947 has not as yet been closed, nor has the State as yet recovered its royalties impounded with the United States Government. Furthermore, there is a definite possibility that California may become involved in litigation testing the constitutionality of the Submerged Lands Act. For the above reasons, it would appear advisable to grant the Attorney General a contract for services for the defense of tide and submerged lands in the amount of his estimate.

The amount requested by the Attorney General for defense of quiet title actions appears to be in keeping with previous requests and expenditures.

19. (REVIEW OF SALARIES OF STAFF MEMBERS, DIVISION OF STATE LANDS - PERSONNEL.)  
For several years prior to July 1, 1952 the three senior members of the Staff of the Division of State Lands held the following salary relationship:

Mineral Resources Engineer - A  
Assistant Executive Officer - A + one step  
Executive Officer - A + four steps

Salary adjustments by the State Personnel Board resulted in the following change in relationship on September 1, 1952:

Mineral Resources Engineer - B  
Assistant Executive Officer - B + one step  
Executive Officer - B + three steps

Effective January 1, 1953 the salary of the Executive Officer was increased by two steps so that it is now five steps above that of the Mineral Resources Engineer and four steps above that of the Assistant Executive Officer.

On the assumption that the long-time relationship between these three positions prior to July 1, 1952 was correct, it would appear that an upward adjustment of the salaries of the Mineral Resources Engineer and of the Assistant Executive Officer would be appropriate.

It should be noted further that the present salary of the Mineral Resources Engineer (\$584-\$710) is the same as that provided for Senior Oil and Gas Engineer, while the duties and responsibilities of the former are substantially in excess of those ascribed to the latter position and approach those of Supervising Oil and Gas Engineer (\$676-\$821).

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Executive Officer is authorized to consult with the Department of Finance and the State Personnel Board with the view of adjusting the salaries of the Executive Officer, Assistant Executive Officer, and Mineral Resources Engineer in proper perspective with each other and similar positions elsewhere in State service.