

6. (SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION NO. 10592, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, MERVIN J. FULTON AND LEOTA W. FULTON - S.W.O. 5607.) An offer has been received from Mervin J. Fulton and Leota W. Fulton of Tulare, California, to purchase Section 16, T. 31 S., R. 46 E., M.D.M., containing 640 acres in San Bernardino County. The applicants made an offer of \$1,280, or \$2 per acre.

The Assessor of San Bernardino County has assessed land in the immediate vicinity at approximately \$1.25 per acre, thus indicating the appraised value of nearby land to be \$2.50 per acre. An inspection and appraisal by a member of the Commission's Staff on May 26, 1953, sets the minimum value at \$3 per acre.

The land is sandy, rocky, flat in part, rolling in part, devoid of vegetation, contains no springs and lies at an elevation of approximately 3000 feet. The soil is of third quality, supporting sagebrush and sparse desert growth, and is poor grazing land. It lies approximately 27 miles north of Barstow and is one mile west of a graded gravel road; access is possible across the larger dry lake in dry weather.

Before the land was advertised for sale, the applicants were advised that the minimum appraised value was \$3 per acre. They posted the necessary amount to meet that value. The land was then advertised for sale with a stipulation that no offer of less than \$1,920 would be accepted. The applicants bid \$1,920. No other application for said land was received pursuant to the advertising.

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

The sale is authorized of Section 16, T. 31 S., R. 46 E., M.D.M., containing 640 acres in San Bernardino County, to the single bidders, Mervin J. Fulton and Leota W. Fulton, at a cash price of \$1,920, subject to all statutory reservations including minerals.

7. (SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION, HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - W.O. 1236, P.R.C. 718.1.) An application has been received from the Humble Oil & Refining Company requesting modification of limitations specified in Submarine Geophysical Exploration Permit W. O. 1236, P.R.C. 718.1.

The standard permit form in effect currently permits the use of "open" shots of a maximum size of 90 pounds of black powder not closer than 1.0 nautical mile to shore. The applicant has requested permission to extend exploration lines using 90-pound "open" shots at locations not closer to shore than 0.25 statute mile and no closer than one-quarter mile from any structure of any significance. The general area where such shots would be placed would be from the westerly limits of the City of Santa Barbara to Point Conception, Santa Barbara County.

Recent cooperative experiments conducted by the Humble Oil & Refining Company, the Standard Oil Company of California and the General Petroleum Corporation, as geophysical exploration permittees, the Western Geophysical Company, as exploration contractor, and the Division of State Lands have demonstrated that the firing of 90-pound black powder "open" shots within 200 feet of marine structures produced such small forces on the structures