

A regular meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in Room 302 State Building, Los Angeles 12, California, on Wednesday, August 25, 1954, at 10 a.m.

Present: Robert C. Kirkwood, Chairman
Harold J. Powers, Member
John M. Peirce, Member

Staff Members in Attendance:

Rufus W. Putnam, Executive Officer
J. Stuart Watson, Assistant Executive Officer
F. J. Hertig, Mineral Resources Engineer
Elma Denny, Acting Secretary

Others in Attendance:

From the Attorney General's Office:

Walter S. Rountree
George Grover

For Item 4, Submarine Geophysical Exploration

Richfield Oil Corporation

Mervyn Phelan
J. W. Mathews

For Item 5, Submarine Geophysical Exploration

Standard Oil Company of California

L. F. Malarin

1. UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION HELD IN SACRAMENTO ON JULY 28, 1954, WERE CONFIRMED AS SUBMITTED.

2. UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE DATE FOR THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WAS TENTATIVELY SET FOR THE LAST THURSDAY IN SEPTEMBER.

3. (PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF SILVER STRAND FEDERAL CONDEMNATION CASES, CORONADO, SAN DIEGO COUNTY - W.O.s 1491, 1492 AND 1493.) On August 23, 1941, the United States filed condemnation Case 120 SD taking full fee title to 87 acres of State Park land on the Silver Strand southerly from the City of Coronado. At that time, with permission of the State, certain areas of sovereign lands in San Diego Bay were dredged and the spoils deposited on other State land in San Diego Bay and on the ocean front both waterward and contiguous to State Park lands, and on lands in the Bay that had been granted to the City of Coronado by the Legislature. In 1945 the United States, on behalf of the Navy, in Case 540 SD (later extended in Case 1530 SD) filed a leasehold taking on 134 acres of the filled lands above mentioned that belong to the State. In 1953 the United States filed a condemnation in Case 1516 SD, taking full fee title to 200 acres of filled-in tidelands granted to Coronado and 78 acres of filled-in tidelands on the Bay and ocean sides under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission.

During World War II the United States installed the Naval Amphibious Training Base on the filled-in tidelands granted to Coronado, and utilized the State Park land and State Lands Commission land in the training operations. None of the above cases has ever come to trial, but they are now set for early November.

In addition, in the amphibious training the Navy has been using 327 acres of State Park and filled-in tide and submerged land on the ocean side of Silver Strand without having filed condemnation proceedings.

Because the State Park Commission did not want to lose the State Park area taken in Case 120 SD, many years of negotiations have occurred between the Navy and the State to attempt to retain State ownership in the lands involved, but permit the military use of the lands by the United States for a period of time.

At the request of the Deputy Director of Finance, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, and of the Attorney General, the Executive Officer of the State Lands Commission arranged for reopening of negotiations with representatives of the Department of the Navy during a trip to Washington, D. C. the latter part of July. Later discussions with all State agencies involved have resulted in arrangements for renegotiations in Washington the week of September 27, 1954.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

WALTER S. ROUNTREE, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL; RUFUS W. PUTNAM, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION; J. STUART WATSON, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION; AND JOHN A. HENNESSEY, STATE PARK LANDS PURCHASING AGENT OF THE DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS, ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE USE OR ACQUISITION BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF THE LANDS INVOLVED IN THOSE CERTAIN CONDEMNATION ACTIONS NOW PENDING IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN DIVISION, NUMBERED AS FOLLOWS:

SD 120

SD 540

SD 1516

SD 1530

AND OF OTHER STATE LANDS IN THE SILVER STRAND AREA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO THE END THAT IN THE EVENT OF ACQUISITION SAID LANDS SHALL REVERT TO STATE UPON DETERMINATION THAT SAID LANDS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR THE PURPOSES OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.