

a substantial portion of the onshore areas proposed for park under the Ventura County Master Plan are included in oil development operations of several years' standing, and an area of 960 acres of tide and submerged lands adjoining one mile of the shoreline in the central portion of the proposed beach park area is included in State Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 735.1, issued June 30, 1952 for a term of 20 years and for so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities. The subject resolutions were transmitted on July 12, more than one month after the first public hearing on the subject. The press has reported that a second public hearing held July 14, 1955, before the County Planning Commission at Ventura, developed unexpected and strong opposition to any beach acquisition under the County Master Plan, with the result that the County Planning Commission has agreed to defer any further consideration on action for six months."

21. (REVIEW AND REVISION OF COMMISSION LEASING POLICIES - W.O. 1087.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"At several meetings of the Commission during the year 1954, the matter of issuance of permits for piers located on State lands in the bed of Lake Tahoe was under consideration. At the meeting of the Commission on January 21, 1955, it was anticipated that legislative action might be taken which would alter the authority and duties of the Commission in the premises, and at that meeting the staff was directed to defer all action on the issuance of new permits or the renewal of permits pertaining to piers constructed or to be constructed for recreational purposes by upland property owners, no matter where they might be located.

"Chapter 1305 of the Statutes of 1955 amends Section 6503 of the Public Resources Code to read as follows:

'Upon receipt of an application to lease land under this chapter, the commission shall appraise the lands and fix the annual rental per acre or other consideration therefor; provided, no rental fee shall be charged for private recreational piers constructed for the use of a littoral land owner.' (Underlining added to indicate the amendment.)

"In order to proceed with the issuance of permits under the provisions of Section 6503 of the Public Resources Code as thus amended, a consideration of policies and procedures involved appears to be appropriate. Section 6505.5 of the Public Resources Code states in part 'No grazing or recreational lease shall be for a period longer than 10 years.' It is therefore proposed that the permits to be issued for private recreational piers under the provisions of Chapter 1305 be for a period of 10 years and no longer. In this connection, reference is made to Section 6501 of the Public Resources Code, which states 'As used in this chapter, "lease" includes a permit, easement, or license.'

"Section 6218 of the Public Resources Code authorizes the Commission to require an expense deposit to cover the actual expenses incurred in processing an application, and Sections 1903 and 2000(d) of the Rules and Regulations fix the minimum amounts of such expense deposits. It is suggested that the Rules and Regulations be amended to eliminate the requirement with respect to an expense deposit for private recreational piers constructed for the use of a littoral land owner, having in mind the apparent intent of the Legislature to minimize charges for permits for structures in this category.

"It is further suggested that boat houses on piers, floating boat houses, and recreational mooring buoys, if constructed or installed for the recreational use of a littoral land owner, be considered to come within the meaning of Chapter 1305.

"A request has been submitted to the Attorney General for an opinion as to whether or not resort-recreational piers come within the purview of the provisions of Chapter 1305. It may be recalled that at the meetings of the Commission during 1954, when the matter of piers on Lake Tahoe was under consideration, representation was made by owners of this class of structure to the effect that our requirements for commercial leases should not be applicable.

"It is intended to prepare a simplified form of permit for structures coming within the scope of Chapter 1305, and when this is done it will be submitted to the Attorney General for review, and for later consideration by the Commission.

"The foregoing is informative and is for the purpose of advising the Commission of the plans of the staff looking towards making effective the provisions of Chapter 1305 of the Statutes of 1955."

22. (APPLICATION FOR PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT OF OIL AND GAS LEASES P.R.C. 308.1, 309.1, SIGNAL OIL AND GAS COMPANY, HONOLULU OIL CORPORATION, COAL OIL POINT AREA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"Oil and Gas Leases P.R.C. 308.1, 309.1, issued March 4, 1947 pursuant to competitive public bidding, held currently under assignment by Signal Oil and Gas Company and Honolulu Oil Corporation, each as to an undivided one-half interest, provide in part that the leases may not be assigned, transferred or sublet, except with the written consent of the State and then only to a person, association of persons, or corporation which at the time of the proposed assignment, transfer or sublease possesses the qualifications provided in Section 6 of the Public Resources Code. Should the State consent in writing to the assignment, transfer or subletting of the lease, the lessee shall continue to assume during the term of the lease or any extension thereof, jointly with any assignee, transferee, or sublessee, responsibility for compliance with all of the terms, covenants, conditions, agreements and provisions of the lease.