26. (SALARY INCREASE FOR POSITION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - PERSONNEL.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"In accordance with the general understanding in connection with Item 275 of the Budget Act of 1955 that an approximate 5% increase in salary would be forthcoming to all State employees effective July 1, 1955, the compensation of the Executive Officer has been understood to be 'open' since July 1, contingent upon the action of the State Personnel Board and the Department of Finance in respect to civil service classes and exempt employees generally.

"Pursuant to the Budget Act of 1955, and as of July 1, the State Personnel Board took action to increase the salaries of nearly all civil service classes by 5%. This action included all classes of employees on the staff of the Division of State Lands. Also, as of July 1, 1955, the Department of Finance revised the salary range for the exempt position Executive Officer, State Lands Commission, from salary steps \$782. - \$950. to salary steps \$82%. - \$1,000. As of June, 1955, the salary of the Executive Officer was \$950.

"In view of the fact that the Executive Officer's salary has been understood to be 'open' since July 1, 1955, it is recommended that the Commission take action to fix the salary from that date forward."

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

THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION EXECUTIVE OFFICER, STATE LANDS COMMISSION, WHICH HAS BEEN UNDERSTOOD TO BE "OPEN" SINCE JULY 1, 1955, IS HERBY FIXED AT \$1,000. MONTHLY AS OF JULY 1, 1955, THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW SALARY RANGE OF \$821... \$1,000. PER MONTH FOR THE CLASSIFICATION, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS ACTION.

27. (PROPOSED OIL AND GAS LEASE, TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS, HUNTINGTON BEACH, ORANGE COUNTY - W.O. 1864(B), P.R.C. 1551.1.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"On August 10, 1955 four bids were received in response to a published notice of intention of the State Lands Commission to receive offers to enter into a lease for the extraction of oil and gas from approximately 647 acres of tide and submerged and park land in Huntington Beach, Orange County. Publication of this offer was authorized by the Commission July 6, 1955 (Minute Item 18, pages 2407-09). A summary tabulation of the bonus payment offers received pursuant to the lease proposal is attached. The combined bid-lease form was approved by the Office of the Attorney General prior to the lease offer as to compliance with applicable statutes and rules and regulations. The Office of the Attorney General has also reviewed the high bid submitted by the Richfield Oil Corporation, Hancock Oil Company and Signal Oil & Gas Company, and has determined that the bid Submittal is in compliance with all specified bid conditions.

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