

THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AT ITS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 30, 1955 (MINUTE ITEM NO. 6, PAGE 2498) IS RESCINDED AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE PERMIT, CONFORMING TO ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION, TO THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION LYING SOUTH OF A LINE DRAWN DUE WEST OF POINT ARGUELLO, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND NORTHERLY OF THE NORTHERLY CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, FOR A 90-DAY PERIOD, COMMENCING JANUARY 3, 1956. THE PERMITTEE IS TO REIMBURSE THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION FOR ALL OF ITS INSPECTION COSTS. THE PERMIT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE ONLY AS LONG AS A CONCURRENT PERMIT BY THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION IS IN EFFECT FOR THE SAME OPERATING AREA.

7. (GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT, ORANGE COUNTY, MONTEREY OIL COMPANY - W. O. 2237, P.R.C. 1634.1.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"An application has been received from Monterey Oil Company on behalf of the Monterey Oil Company, Humble Oil & Refining Company and Seaboard Oil Company to conduct geological exploration from mobile marine equipment during the period July 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956. The area involved is held by the applicants under Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 1550.1, Orange County. Under the terms and conditions of Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 1550.1, wells may be drilled only from upland drill sites, piers previously existing and authorized by Chapter 303, Statutes of 1921, or filled lands. Permits for the conduct of geological surveys, including core drilling, may be authorized under Section 2100 (c), (d) and (e) of the rules and regulations. The statutory application filing fee has been paid by the applicants."

Mr. Pyles, upon being questioned by the Chairman, indicated that the recommendation made by the staff was entirely satisfactory to the Monterey Oil Company.

J. K. Bridges reported that his company had heretofore stated its position in relation to the granting of core drilling permits by the Commission (based upon information resulting therefrom being made available to the Commission), and wanted to make it clear that in accepting the current recommendation Humble was not receding from its position in this regard, but felt that its former objections were academic in this particular case. He indicated that this did not necessarily apply to other applications which Humble might make in the future.

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

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE TO MONTEREY OIL COMPANY, HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY AND SEABOARD OIL COMPANY A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1956 TO DECEMBER 31, 1956 FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATIONS, INCLUDING CORE DRILLING, PROSPECT HOLES, ELECTRIC LOGGING, SIDE-WALL SAMPLING AND OTHER OPERATIONS (BUT EXCLUDING GEOPHYSICAL OPERATIONS) IN ORDER TO GAIN GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION INVOLVING DEPTHS IN EXCESS OF 500 FEET BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE OCEAN FLOOR IN TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS SITUATED IN ORANGE COUNTY, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

"BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WESTERLY CORPORATE LIMIT OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH 5,280 FEET SEAWARD FROM THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN; THENCE SEAWARD ALONG SAID CORPORATE LIMIT 5,280 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK TO A POINT 10,560 FEET DISTANT; THENCE LANDWARD 5,280 FEET ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE WESTERLY CORPORATE LIMIT OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING."

AUTHORIZATION OF THE PROPOSED EXPLORATIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS:

1. COPIES OF ALL EXPLORATION RESULTS, LOGS AND RECORDS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO AND FILED WITH THE STATE AS REQUIRED FOR ALL WELL DATA UNDER OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 1550.1.
 2. ALL DRILLING PROGRAMS SHALL BE APPROVED AS REQUIRED FOR WELLS UNDER LEASE P.R.C. 1550.1.
8. (GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT, VENTURA COUNTY, RICHFIELD OIL CORPORATION - W. O. 2244, P.R.C. 1635.1.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"An application has been received from Richfield Oil Corporation to conduct geological exploration from mobile marine equipment from January 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956 on that area held by applicant under Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 1466.1, Ventura County.

"Under the terms and conditions of Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 1466.1, wells may be drilled only from upland drillsites, piers previously existing and authorized by Chapter 303, Statutes of 1921, or filled lands. The statutory application filing fee has been paid by the applicant."

Mr. Cook of the Richfield Oil Corporation, upon being questioned, informed the Commission that the recommendation made by the staff met with his approval and that he had no statement to make.

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

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE TO RICHFIELD OIL CORPORATION A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1956 TO JUNE 30, 1956 FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATIONS, INCLUDING CORE DRILLING, PROSPECT HOLES, ELECTRIC LOGGING, SIDEWALL SAMPLING AND OTHER OPERATIONS (BUT EXCLUDING GEOPHYSICAL OPERATIONS), IN ORDER TO GAIN GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION INVOLVING DEPTHS IN EXCESS OF 500 FEET BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE OCEAN FLOOR IN TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS IN VENTURA COUNTY, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

"BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN, SOUTH (APPROXIMATELY 75 FEET) FROM DIVISION OF STATE LANDS SURVEY STATION 'GORDA' 2 RELOCATED (MUSSEL SHOALS TRACT); THENCE EAST 1,000 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE PROJECTION