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1. UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 1956, WERE CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN AND MAILED TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.
2. UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN DECEMBER AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN.
3. (OIL AND GAS LEASE APPLICATION, SECTION 6871.3, PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - W. O. 2241.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"On July 2, 1956 (Minute Item 14, pages 2723-25) the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to proceed with the processing for lease offer for the extraction of oil and gas from approximately 62,000 acres of tide and submerged lands lying between Coal Oil Point and Point Conception, and between the ordinary high water mark and a line three miles seaward thereof.

"After inspection of the subject area the Planning Consultant has recommended that the control conditions established by Section 2120 through 2124 of the Rules and Regulations and included in lease offer W. O. 2253 (5,500 acres, Summerland area, Santa Barbara County) and W. O. 2243 (5,600 acres, Ventura County) be applied to any lease offer in the subject area easterly of Gaviota Beach State Park. For the balance of the area lying westerly of Gaviota State Park, it is reported that allowance of piers as a development method, while not recommended, might be acceptable.

"The Consulting Geologist has recommended in summary as follows:

1. That the area lying between the Elwood Oil Field tideland leases and the Coal Oil Point area tideland leases and an area extending three miles westerly of the Elwood Oil Field tideland leases be withheld from lease offer pending further classification study.
2. That the tide and submerged land area extending from three miles westerly of the westernmost Elwood Oil Field tideland lease to Point Conception be classified as lands not within the known geologic structure of a producing oil or gas field."

Mr. Sam Grinsfelder of the Union Oil Company of California spoke against the "checkerboard" method of leasing, stating that all available lands should be offered for lease on the basis of competitive bidding.

Mr. J. Barton Hutchins, appearing on behalf of Edwin W. Pauley, requested deferment of lease offers in order to permit his organization to complete additional geological and geophysical exploration operations.

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

1. THAT THE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LAND AREA EXTENDING FROM APPROXIMATELY THREE MILES WEST OF STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 208, ELWOOD, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, TO APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILES WEST OF POINT CONCEPTION, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND LYING BETWEEN THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK AND A LINE THREE MILES SEAWARD AND PARALLEL TO THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK, UNDER CONSIDERATION UNDER W. O. 2241, ARE LANDS NOT WITHIN THE KNOWN GEOLOGIC STRUCTURE OF A PRODUCING OIL OR GAS FIELD, AT THIS TIME.
2. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO OFFER FOR LEASE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 6827 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, ALTERNATE PARCELS OF THE SUBJECT 46,000 ACRES OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS, EACH PARCEL TO CONTAIN NOT MORE THAN 5,760 ACRES.
3. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO OFFER THE FORM OF LEASE AS AUTHORIZED FOR W. O. 2253 (5,500 ACRES OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS, SUMMERLAND AREA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY) AND W. O. 2243 (5,600 ACRES OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS, POINT MUGU AREA, VENTURA COUNTY).

4. SPECIFIC DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PARCELS TO BE OFFERED FOR LEASE ARE TO BE PREPARED AND PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO ANY LEASE OFFER.
4. (REQUEST FOR DEFERMENT OF DRILLING AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS, SIGNAL OIL AND GAS COMPANY - P.R.C. 1551.1.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 1551.1, issued to Richfield Oil Corporation, Hancock Oil Company and Signal Oil and Gas Company on August 16, 1955 pursuant to competitive public bidding, requires in part that the operations for the drilling of a well shall be started within sixty days of the time of completion or suspension of operations on a preceding well. In conformance with this requirement, the lessee has previously drilled two wells, neither of which has been productive of oil or gas. After consideration of the total work accomplished under the lease, the Commission on May 18, 1956 (Minute Item 15, pages 2684-85) authorized the Executive Officer to grant the lessees under Lease P.R.C. 1551.1 a deferment of drilling and operating requirements to November 1, 1956. The lessees reported on October 16, 1956 as follows:

"As the Commission staff is aware, findings on this property as well as those on the State lease to the north and the State lease to the south have to date been quite discouraging. Under such conditions we feel justified in asking for a reasonable opportunity to study all possible data. This we have not been able to do.

"We have quite recently acquired the paleontological information from the wells which had been drilled by the Monterey Oil Company to the south. We also have the information on the Douglas Oil Company wells on the State property to the north. Both are under study.

"The lessees are seriously contemplating a core hole drilling program on this property, but marine equipment is not now available. Such a program would call for the use of a core drilling boat owned by Richfield which is now engaged on State Lease 309, Santa Barbara County. Another lessee of the State is soon to undertake a core drilling program on State lands to the south of the subject property. In the possibility that findings therein may be co-relative to the findings in our contemplated core drilling program and may be available to both parties, we suggest that such could be most helpful in determining justification for exploration on the subject leasehold.

"Under the circumstances Signal Oil and Gas Company as operator and on behalf of its co-lessees hereby respectfully requests that drilling and operating requirements under the subject lease be deferred by your Commission to July 1, 1957."