

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

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO GRANT SIGNAL OIL AND GAS COMPANY, OPERATOR UNDER STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 1551.1, A DEFERMENT OF DRILLING AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SUBJECT LEASE TO JULY 1, 1957. THE GRANT OF DEFERMENT IS TO BE SUBJECT TO THE EXPRESS CONDITIONS THAT DURING THE PERIOD OF DEFERMENT THE LESSEE WILL PERFORM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

1. INITIATE DEVELOPMENT ON THE LEASE.
2. QUITCLAIM THE ENTIRE LEASE AREA.
3. PRESENT NEW ADEQUATE BASES FOR CONSIDERATION AS TO FURTHER DEFERMENT OF THE DRILLING AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE LEASE.
5. (SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS, SANTA BARBARA TO ORANGE COUNTIES, EDWIN W. PAULEY - W. O. 2433, P.R.C. 1821.1.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"Mr. Edwin W. Pauley has made application for authorization to conduct submarine geophysical explorations on those tide and submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission lying between the easterly corporate limits of the City of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, and Point Dume, Los Angeles County, and between Point Fermin, Los Angeles County, and the extension seaward of the northerly corporate limits of the City of Newport Beach, Orange County. An operating permit has been requested for a 180-day period beginning November 1, 1956. The Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles and Orange have been informed that this application may be considered. The statutory filing fee has been paid by the applicant."

The staff reported that subsequent to the preparation of the foregoing report, a letter directed to the State Lands Commission was received from the Honorable Vern B. Thomas, District Attorney of Santa Barbara County, dated November 5, 1956, reading as follows:

"State Lands Commission
Department of Finance
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

"Gentlemen:

"The Board of Supervisors was recently notified of the pending application by Edwin W. Pauley to be considered by the Commission at a meeting to be held at 10 a.m., November 8, 1956, of a request to conduct submarine geophysical exploration operations in the offshore area of Santa Barbara County lying between the easterly corporate limits of the City of Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara-Ventura County Line during a 180-day period commencing November 1, 1956.

"The Board has asked, among other things, that I call the Commission's attention to the provisions of Chapter 846 of the 1931 Statutes which granted to the County of Santa Barbara all right, title and interest of the State in and to all that portion of the tide and submerged lands extending from Sandyland Point to Rincon Creek, to be forever held by the County of Santa Barbara in trust and used for certain specified purposes. Although there is reserved to the State mineral rights under said grant, there is no reservation contained in the grant authorizing geophysical surveys or seismic explorations.

"A legal question is therefore presented as to whether the Commission may validly grant such permit in an area over which the State Lands Commission does not have exclusive jurisdiction. It would appear that the matter would warrant the Commission securing a legal opinion from the Attorney General before granting permits for seismic explorations in such area.

"Secondly, it should be noted that the application for geophysical exploration permit would also involve an area within the so-called Santa Barbara Sanctuary, within which area leases for the extraction of oil and gas from certain designated tide and submerged lands are prohibited; hence there would appear to be good grounds for the Commission to use its discretion in refusing such permit for the conduct of geophysical explorations within the sanctuary.

"On the above grounds, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara is opposed to the issuance of submarine geophysical exploration permits within the sanctuary, or within the area referred to in the land grant.

"Very truly yours,

/s/ Vern B. Thomas

VERN B. THOMAS
District Attorney"

It was also reported that the statements by the County had been reviewed informally with the Office of the Attorney General with the conclusion that exploration operations of the subject time are not precluded by the grant to the County or the "sanctuary" limits established by Chapter 1724/1955.

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

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A PERMIT CONFORMING TO ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION TO MR. EDWIN W. PAULEY FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION LYING BETWEEN THE EXTENSION SEAWARD OF THE EASTERLY CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND POINT DUNE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND BETWEEN POINT FERMIN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE EXTENSION SEAWARD OF THE NORTHERLY CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, ORANGE COUNTY,

FOR A 180-DAY PERIOD COMMENCING NOVEMBER 1, 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.

6. (APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF SUBMARINE GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT, LOS ANGELES, VENTURA AND SANTA BARBARA COUNTIES, RICHFIELD OIL CORPORATION - W. O. 2252, P.R.C. 1714.1.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"On May 18, 1956 (Minute Item 20, page 2697) the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to issue to Richfield Oil Corporation a geological survey permit conforming to the operating conditions determined by the Commission May 18, 1956, for the period June 1, 1956 through October 31, 1956, in order to obtain geological information involving depths in excess of 500 feet below the surface of the ocean floor in tide and submerged lands lying offshore in the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura and southerly of a line drawn due West from Point Arguello, Santa Barbara County.

"An application has been received from the Richfield Oil Corporation requesting extension of the operating term of the subject permit through April 30, 1957. The extension is requested in order to permit the conduct of core drilling operations which could not be initiated under the original permit for the reason that available mobile drilling equipment has been engaged continuously heretofore in drilling operations on lands held under State Oil and Gas Leases P.R.C. 308.1 and P.R.C. 309.1, Coal Oil Point area, Santa Barbara County."

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

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE TO RICHFIELD OIL CORPORATION AN EXTENSION OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT P.R.C. 1714.1, TO TERMINATE APRIL 30, 1957, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT TO REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

7. (APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF SUBMARINE GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT, LOS ANGELES, VENTURA AND SANTA BARBARA COUNTIES, GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION - W. O. 2308, P.R.C. 1717.1.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"On May 18, 1956 (Minute Item 23, pages 2698-99) the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to issue to the General Petroleum Corporation a geological survey permit conforming to the operating conditions determined by the Commission May 18, 1956, for the period June 1, 1956 through October 31, 1956, in order to obtain geological information involving depths in excess of 500 feet below the surface of the ocean floor in tide and submerged lands lying offshore in the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura and southerly of a line drawn due West from Point Arguello, Santa Barbara County.