

11. (APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF PROSPECTING PERMIT P.R.C. 1481.2, CROWN MINING CO., INC., IMPERIAL COUNTY.)

After presentation of Calendar Item No. 18 attached, Mr. W. H. Fielden, who was present, indicated that he approved of the recommendation which had been made by the staff.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND THE TERM OF PROSPECTING PERMIT P.R.C. 1481.2 HELD BY CROWN MINING CO., INC., FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR FROM JANUARY 21, 1957 TO JANUARY 21, 1958, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT TO REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Attachment

Calendar Item 18 (1 page)

MINERAL LEASE

18.

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Prospecting Permit P.R.C. 1481.2 covering the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 36, T. 12 S., R. 19 E., S.B.B. & M., Imperial County, was issued January 21, 1955 to Mr. W. H. Fielden authorizing the prospecting for radioactive, gold, silver and other precious minerals for a two-year term. The permit was assigned November 2, 1955 to Crown Mining Co., Inc. Operations reports filed pursuant to the permit requirements and field inspections by the staff have shown that the permittee has conducted prospecting operations diligently since the issuance of the permit. The permittee has also submitted an application for issuance of a preferential mineral lease as authorized by the permit in the event of establishment of a commercially valuable deposit of minerals within the limits of the permit. Staff evaluation of the mineral development to date has not resulted in an affirmative conclusion that there has been a discovery of commercially valuable deposits of minerals sufficient to justify a recommendation to the Commission for issuance of a preferential mineral lease.

Prospecting Permit P.R.C. 1481.2 provides in part, in conformance with Division 6 of the Public Resources Code, that "in no event shall the term of this permit exceed two (2) years from date hereof except as the Commission may, in its discretion, extend the term of this permit for an additional period of one (1) year".

The subject area has been involved in litigation as to mineral classification in the case Robbins vs. State. The form of judgment confirming the bases for issuance of the permit has been drawn but has not yet been issued. The office of the Attorney General has reported concurrence informally that extension of the permit appears to be proper and will not conflict with the uncompleted litigation.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXTEND THE TERM OF PROSPECTING PERMIT P.R.C. 1481.2 HELD BY CROWN MINING CO., INC., FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR FROM JANUARY 21, 1957 TO JANUARY 21, 1958, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT TO REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.