

MINUTE ITEM

32. STATUS OF MAJOR LITIGATION - W.O.s 3019, 2224, AND 2274.2.

The attached Calendar Item 36 was presented to the Commission for information.

Attachment

Calendar Item 36 (2 pages)

CALENDAR ITEM

INFORMATIVE

36.

STATUS OF MAJOR LITIGATION - W.O.s 3019, 2224, and 2274.2

The following is current as of March 14, 1960:

1. Case No. 800-58 WM Civil W.O. 3019
U.S. vs. Anchor Oil Corporation, et al.
U.S.D.C., Southern District, Los Angeles County
(Long Beach Subsidence Matter)

(Request by U. S. for court order to shut down Wilmington Field if satisfactory subsurface repressuring programs for land-surface-subsidence alleviation are not put into operation.)

No change in status since reports given at meetings of October 29, November 18, and December 17, 1959, and January 21, and February 25, 1960; i.e., A copy of the plaintiff United States' reply to the State's counter-claim was received August 12, 1959. Discovery proceedings have commenced. Plaintiff United States has served written interrogatories on various co-defendants but not on defendant State of California. It is anticipated that defendants will serve written interrogatories on the Federal Government.

2. Case No. 683,824 W.O. 2224
People vs. City of Long Beach
Los Angeles County Superior Court
(Alamitos Bay Quitclaim Litigation)

(Settlement of question as to whether title to oil and gas is vested in City or State in lands granted to City by State and subsequently quitclaimed to State by City.)

No change in status since reports given at meetings of January 21 and February 25, 1960; i.e., Trial commenced November 24, 1959, at which time evidence was offered and received and trial briefs were filed by both litigants. No issues of fact remain to be tried. Closing briefs are to be filed by the parties.

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3. Case No. 70717
County of Orange vs. State of California, et al.
Orange County Superior Court

W.O. 2274.2

(Claim by Orange County that a legislative grant to the County of tide and submerged lands in Newport Bay conveyed to the County all tide and submerged lands within the County (with the exception of a grant to the City of Newport Beach).)

The County Counsel resigned his office on or about March 1, 1960, and Stephen Tamura, his Deputy, was appointed to succeed. Mr. Tamura is familiar with the litigation, and is one of the counsel of record for the County. The Attorney General's office is not advised whether the County has determined to continue the litigation.