

MINUTE ITEM

34. OIL AND GAS LEASE OFFER, SECTION 6871.3, PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE,
MONTALVO AREA, VENTURA COUNTY - W.O. 3560.

At the request of the Executive Officer, action was deferred on Calendar
Item No. 42 attached, for the reason that the Controller had requested
additional information which the staff had not expected to present at this
meeting.

Attachment
Calendar Item 42 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

42.

OIL AND GAS LEASE OFFER, SECTION 6871.3, PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, MONTALVO AREA, VENTURA COUNTY - W.O. 3560.

Section 6871.3, Public Resources Code, provides in part that "Whenever it appears to the commission that it is for the best interests of the State to lease lands subject to the provisions of Section 6871.1 of this code for the production of oil or gas therefrom, . . . the commission may, subject to the provisions of Section 6871.4, offer the same for bidding at such times and in such parcels as the commission shall determine to be in the best interests of the State".

A review of available data from onshore drilling operations indicates that an area of State lands seaward of the onshore development in the Montalvo area is probably being drained by existing wells and therefore should be offered for lease.

The tideland area in Ventura County proposed for consideration extends approximately two miles southeasterly along the high water mark from the southerly boundary of State Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 735.1 and extends two miles seaward of the ordinary high water mark.

Section 6873.2, Public Resources Code, provides in part, "Before offering any tide or submerged land area for an oil and gas lease, the commission shall publish notice thereof, and any affected city or county may, within thirty (30) days after the publication of such notice, request in writing to the commission that a hearing be held with respect thereto. . . . The commission in its discretion and irrespective of any such requests may hold such hearings as it shall determine. . . ."

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PROCEED WITH THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 6873.2 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, THAT THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO CONSIDER OFFERING FOR LEASE FOR THE EXTRACTION OF OIL AND GAS AN AREA OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 2,560 ACRES IN VENTURA COUNTY LYING BETWEEN THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY EXTENDED OF STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 735.1 AND A POINT ON THE HIGH WATER MARK APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES SOUTHEASTERLY AND EXTENDING SEAWARD TWO STATUTE MILES.