

MINUTE ITEM

33. STATUS OF MAJOR LITIGATION - W.O.s 3019, 2224, 2274.2, AND 2716.

The attached Calendar Item 31 was presented to the Commission for information.

Attachment

Calendar Item 31 (2 pages)

CALENDAR ITEM

INFORMATIVE

31.

STATUS OF MAJOR LITIGATION - W.O.s 3019, 2224, 2274.2, AND 2716.

The following is current as of July 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 report given at meeting of October 29, 1959; i.e., a copy of the plaintiff United States' reply to the State's counterclaim was received on 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. 683824 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.)

Since the last report, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Judgment for the defendant City were entered on June 13, 1960. It is the intention of the office of the Attorney General to pursue an appeal in this matter.

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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 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 office of the Attorney General reports that there have been no developments during the past month, as they are still awaiting word as to whether the County plans to continue the litigation. However, they have called attention to reports appearing in the press on June 26 and 27 to the effect that in the new Orange County budget the Board of Supervisors will have \$50,000 available for legal expenses should they decide to proceed with the tidelands oil suit against the State. According to these reports, the Board of Supervisors has held several closed-door sessions to discuss the tidelands suit. The Supervisors explained that the meetings were to determine if private counsel was to be employed in the future, or whether the County Counsel's office would represent the County's position.

4. Case No. 747562
People vs. City of Long Beach, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court
(Long Beach Boundary Determination, Chapter 2000/57)

W.O. 2716

The complaint in this action has been served on the City of Long Beach and on the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners. At the request of the new City Attorney, and in consideration of the length of the complaint, the office of the Attorney General has agreed to an extension until September 16, 1960, of the time in which Long Beach is to plead.