

MINUTE ITEM

28. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CONDUCT SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS; CONTRA COSTA, SACRAMENTO, AND SOLANO COUNTIES; STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN OPERATIONS, INC. - W.O. 4285, P.R.C. 2857.1.

After consideration of Calendar Item 41 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE TO STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN OPERATIONS, INC., A PERMIT FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 26, 1962, TO MAY 25, 1962, INCLUSIVE, ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION IN THE PORTIONS OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER, SUISUN BAY (INCLUDING HONKER AND GRIZZLEY BAYS), MONTEZUMA SLOUGH, MIDDLE SLOUGH, AND NEW YORK SLOUGH LYING EASTERLY OF A NORTH-SOUTH LINE THROUGH COORDINATE 1,965,000 AND WESTERLY OF A NORTH-SOUTH LINE THROUGH COORDINATE 2,046,000, CALIFORNIA COORDINATE SYSTEM ZONE 2, IN THE COUNTIES OF CONTRA COSTA, SACRAMENTO, AND SOLANO. THE FORM OF PERMIT SHALL CONFORM TO ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL OPERATIONS, WITH THE MODIFICATION OF SECTION 6 AS INDICATED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED. THIS PERMIT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ONLY WHEN A CONCURRENT PERMIT FOR THE SAME OPERATING AREA SPECIFIED HEREIN IS AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION.

Attachment

Calendar Item 41 (2 pages)

CALENDAR ITEM

41

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CONDUCT SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS; CONTRA COSTA, SACRAMENTO, AND SOLANO COUNTIES; STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN OPERATIONS, INC. - W.O. 4285.

Standard Oil Company of California, Western Operations, Inc., has made application for authorization to conduct submarine geophysical exploration operations on tide and submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission in the portions of the Sacramento River, Suisun Bay (including Honker and Grizzley Bays), Montezuma Slough, Middle Slough, and New York Slough, lying easterly of a north-south line through coordinate 1,965,000 and westerly of a north-south line through coordinate 2,046,000, California Coordinate System Zone 2, in the counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, and Solano.

Charges of 25 pounds of Nitramon NW or equivalent explosive are to be jettied to a depth of 25 feet or greater below the surface of Suisun Bay, the Sacramento River, and Montezuma Slough, and are to be tamped with sand and gravel so as not to allow pressure to escape into the open water.

The Boards of Supervisors of Contra Costa, Sacramento, and Solano counties have been informed that this application is to be considered. The statutory filing fee has been paid by the applicant.

Standard Oil Company of California, Western Operations, Inc., has also submitted an application to the Department of Fish and Game for the conduct of seismic operations covering the same area and using the same type of explosive and charge size. As outlined in Exhibit "A" attached, the staff recommends that Section 6 of the standard permit be modified so as to be compatible with the requirements of the Department of Fish and Game.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO ISSUE TO STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN OPERATIONS, INC., A PERMIT FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 26, 1962, TO MAY 25, 1962, INCLUSIVE, ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION IN THE PORTIONS OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER, SUISUN BAY (INCLUDING HONKER AND GRIZZLEY BAYS), MONTEZUMA SLOUGH, MIDDLE SLOUGH, AND NEW YORK SLOUGH LYING EASTERLY OF A NORTH-SOUTH LINE THROUGH COORDINATE 1,965,000 AND WESTERLY OF A NORTH-SOUTH LINE THROUGH COORDINATE 2,046,000, CALIFORNIA COORDINATE SYSTEM ZONE 2, IN THE COUNTIES OF CONTRA COSTA, SACRAMENTO, AND SOLANO. THE FORM OF PERMIT SHALL CONFORM TO ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL OPERATIONS, WITH THE MODIFICATION OF SECTION 6 AS INDICATED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED. THIS PERMIT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ONLY WHEN A CONCURRENT PERMIT FOR THE SAME OPERATING AREA SPECIFIED HEREIN IS AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION.

Attachment
Exhibit "A"

EXHIBIT "A"

Standard Form of Permit
Section 6

No charges in excess of 90 pounds of black powder, Hercules Sporting Powder, FFFG or equivalent, Hercules EP 198-B Powder or equivalent, and no faster may be used in submarine geophysical exploration operations whether shots are jetted or are "open", and no such shots shall be permitted at distances closer than the one-quarter statute mile from the ordinary high-water mark or from any structures. The discharge of charges of explosive Nitramon (WW) or equivalent, shall be permitted, with no single shot of Nitramon (WW) or equivalent to exceed 20 pounds. Detonation of charges of Nitramon (WW) or equivalent will be permitted only at distances in excess of three miles from any shoreline of the mainland or any island.

Proposed Modification Form of Permit
Section 6

No charges in excess of the size and type authorized by the Department of Fish and Game on December 8, 1961, or subsequently may be used in submarine geophysical exploration operations. All shots shall be jetted to a minimum depth of 25 feet below the river or bay bottom, and no shots shall be permitted at distances closer than one-quarter statute mile from any structure or 200 feet from the ordinary high water mark.