

MINUTE ITEM

20. STATUS OF MAJOR LITIGATION - W.O.s 3019, 2716, 3863, AND 4564.

The attached Calendar Item 18 was presented to the Commission for information only, no Commission action being required.

Attachment

Calendar Item 18 (2 pages)

CALENDAR ITEM

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18.

STATUS OF MAJOR LITIGATION - W.O.s 3019, 2716, 3863, AND 4564.

The following information is current as of October 15, 1962:

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 program for land-surface-subsidence alleviation are not put into operation. This case also seeks multimillion dollar damages for alleged injury to federal installations, principally the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.)

Trial on other issues other than causation was held on October 2, 1962, and trial arguments are scheduled commencing December 18, 1962.

2. Case No. 747562 (now consolidated with Case No. 646466) W.O. 2716
People vs. City of Long Beach, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court
(Long Beach Boundary Determination, Chapter 2000/57)

No change since report of February 13, 1962; i.e., "The City filed its Answer about January 19, 1962. It is anticipated that the matter will go to trial."

3. Case No. 757030 W.O. 3863
City of Hermosa Beach vs. State of California,
State Lands Commission, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court

(An action filed by the City for declaratory relief and for instructions to Trustee.)

No change since report of February 13, 1962; i.e., "The case is being prepared for trial."

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4. Case No. 62-1344-TC Civil
Lewis W. Twombly vs. City of Long Beach,
State of California, et al.
U.S.D.C., Southern District, Central Division
(Long Beach Oil Revenues)

W.O. 4564

To enjoin the City Auditor of the City of Long Beach and the City of Long Beach from paying oil revenues to the State. Plaintiff seeking determination that the State of California has no interest in the Long Beach tide and submerged lands, and, thus, no interest in the Long Beach oil revenues. Responsive Pleading will be due 20 days after service is completed on the State.

5. Suit filed by Carl Whitson for injunction against Long Beach City officials, State Lands Commission, and State of California:

The Office of the Attorney General and the Commission have not yet been serviced in this action. The following is abstracted from press reports:

Carl Whitson, retired attorney of Long Beach, and the owner of property overlooking the new proposed 10,000-acre tidelands oil extraction project, claims that any drilling would tap an oil pool underlying his property and that of other owners. He alleges in a Superior Court suit that the proposal to drill from four islands offshore the East Beach District is a "scheme" to drain oil from private lands, with the City and the State benefiting from such drilling.