

MINUTE ITEM

14. DRILLING AND OPERATING CONTRACT (LONG BEACH HARBOR DEPARTMENT TIDELANDS PARCEL), BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, CITY OF LONG BEACH, WILMINGTON OIL FIELD - L.B.W.O. 10,190.

The Chairman:

1. Read into the record a letter from the Joint Legislative Audit Committee of the California State Legislature, stating that at a meeting on November 19, 1963, the following resolution was adopted:

"That the Chairman be directed to send to the State Lands Commission a request that no further action be taken involving contract negotiations in leasing Long Beach tideland oil fields;

"Further, that at their earliest convenience the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, the State Lands Commission, and representatives of the Senate Fact Finding Committee on Natural Resources hold a combined meeting to discuss over-all policy on this matter;

"And, in conclusion, that no agreements be signed until such a meeting is held."

2. Reported that a statement had been issued by Senator O'Sullivan in which he said he felt that certain information he had should be aired at a public meeting of the Senate Fact Finding Committee on Natural Resources, and that he felt the Lands Commission should defer action on the bids to be opened December 11.
3. Stated that it was important to meet and discuss the policy of these matters and the requested joint meeting would be arranged as soon as possible, but this did not mean the bids were not to be opened on December 11, and that it was the intention of the Commission to consider all bids on their merits.

Mr. Desmond, City Attorney for the City of Long Beach, discussed the importance of being able to award a contract promptly for the Long Beach Harbor Department tidelands parcel, so as to avoid the possibility of having to shut down the field. He stated that bids were to be opened on December 11, and that the City felt any objections or delay would create a bad atmosphere and have a detrimental effect on the bidding.