MINUTE ITEM

36. OIL AND GAS LEASE OFFER, SECTION 6871.3, FUBLIC RESOURCES CODE; SAGRAMENTO AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES - W.O. 5047.

In presenting Calendar Item 33 attached, the Executive Officer called attention to a correction necessary in the description, to read "Tide and submerged lands situate in projected Sections 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15, Township 2 North, Range 2 East; projected Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and..." the correction being the addition of Section 6.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 6875.2 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, THAT THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO CONSIDER OFFERING A LEASE FOR THE EXTRACTION OF OIL AND GAS FROM THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF TIDE AND SUBMERCED LANDS OF SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, FALSE RIVER TAYLOR SLOUGH, AND PIPER SLOUGH, SITUATE IN THE COUNTIES OF SACRAMENTO AND CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS SITUATE IN PROJECTED SECTIONS 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 14, AND 15, T. 2 N., R. 2 E.; PROJECTED SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8, T. 2 N., R. 3 E.; PROJECTED SECTIONS 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, AND 36, T. 3 N., R. 3 E.; PROJECTED SECTION 31, T. 3 N., R. 4 E., M.D.B.& M., IN THE COUNTIES OF SACRAMENTO AND CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS LYING IN THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER ADJACENT TO SHERMAN ISLAND, FALSE RIVER ADJACENT TO BRADFORD ISLAND AND WEBB TRACT, TAYLOR SLOUGH ADJACENT TO JERSEY ISLAND, AND PIPER SLOUGH ADJACENT TO FRANKS TRACT, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT LAND CONTAINED IN GAS LEASE AGREEMENT E. 415, CONTAINING 3339 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

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Section 6871.3, Public Resources Code, provides in part: "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 or 6877 of this Code for the production of oil and gas therefrom, or whenever a person who possesses the qualifications provided in this chapter makes written request therefor, 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 request has been received that the Commission consider offering for oil and gas lease, pursuant to competitive public bidding under the Public Resources Code, 3339 acres more or less of sovereign lands underlying the San Joaquin River, False River, Taylor Slough, and Piper Slough, Sacramento and Contra Costa Counties (Exhibits "A" and "B").

The area proposed for consideration lies between the Rio Vista Gas Field and the Dutch Slough Gas Field. It is adjacent to the southern boundary of State Gas Lease Agreement Easement 415.

Section 6873.2, Public Resources Code, provides in part: "Before offering any tide or submerged land area or beds of navigable rivers or lakes in any 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 A LEASE FOR THE EXTRACTION OF OIL AND GAS FROM THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS OF SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, FALSE RIVER TAYLOR SLOUGH, AND PIPER SLOUGH, SITUATE IN THE COUNTIES OF SACRAMENTO AND CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

TIDE AND SUBMERCED LANDS SITUATE IN PROJECTED SECTIONS 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 14, AND 15, T. 2 N., R. 2 E.; PROJECTED SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, 5,6,7 AND 8, T. 2 N., R. 3 E.; PROJECTED SECTIONS 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, AND 36, T. 3 N., R. 3 E.; PROJECTED SECTION 31, T. 3 N., R. 4 E., H.D.B.& M., IN THE COUNTIES OF SACRALENTO AND CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF GALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS LYING IN THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER ADJACENT TO SHERMAN ISLAND, FAISE RIVER ADJACENT TO BRADFORD ISLAND AND WEBB TRACT, TAYLOR SLOUGH ADJACENT TO JERSEY ISLAND, AND PIPER SLOUGH ADJACENT TO FRANKS TRACT, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT LAND CONTAINED IN GAS LEASE AGREEMENT E. 415, CONTAINING 3339 ACRES MORE OR LESS.