

23. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS; SANTA BARBARA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, MONTEREY, SANTA CRUZ, SAN MATEO, SAN FRANCISCO, MARIN, SONOMA, AND MENDOCINO COUNTIES; CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY - W.O. 6422.

PR.C. 3706.1

During consideration of Calendar Item 11 attached, the Executive Officer reported receipt of a resolution from the City of Seaside in Monterey Bay asking that the proposed operations not be permitted. However, the basis for the request appears to be the result of a misunderstanding that petroleum production in Monterey Bay poses a serious threat of pollution to the Bay and, therefore, to recreational and commercial activities which depend upon water purity and cleanliness of the seashore. In fact, none of these things would result from the type of permit being recommended, and, indeed, are prohibited by statute.

The Executive Officer recommended that the Commission authorize the permit subject to the understanding that the permittee will not conduct any operations offshore the City of Seaside in Monterey Bay until such time as the staff has been able to explain and review the permit with the officials of the City of Seaside.

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

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE TO CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY A GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT, CONFORMING TO ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS, ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION IN THE AREA LYING BETWEEN A LINE DRAWN DUE WEST FROM POINT CONCEPTION, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND THE SEAWARD EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF MENDOCINO COUNTY, EXCLUDING SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND OTHER INLAND WATERS DRAINING THEREIN, SUBJECT TO THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PERMITTEE WILL NOT CONDUCT ANY OPERATIONS OFFSHORE THE CITY OF SEASIDE IN MONTEREY BAY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE STATE HAS BEEN ABLE TO EXPLAIN AND REVIEW THE PERMIT WITH THE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE.

THE PERMIT IS TO BE ISSUED FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD FROM JANUARY 24, 1967, THROUGH JULY 23, 1967, AND IS TO BE EFFECTIVE ONLY AS LONG AS A CONCURRENT PERMIT BY THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION IS IN EFFECT FOR THE SAME OPERATING AREA.

THE PERMITTEE IS TO REIMBURSE THE STATE LANDS DIVISION FOR ALL ITS INSPECTION COSTS.

Attachment

Calendar Item 11 (1 page)

11.

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An application has been received from Continental Oil Company for a permit to conduct geophysical exploration operations commencing January 2, 1967, on State tide and submerged lands between Point Conception, Santa Barbara County, and the northern boundary of California.

The Boards of Supervisors of the counties of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, and Mendocino, and the Greater Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce have been informed that this application is to be considered. Because of a request from the Board of Supervisors of Humboldt County, submitted on behalf of commercial and sport fishermen of Humboldt and Del Norte counties, that no seismic operations be authorized offshore those counties, current Commission practice has been to exclude the area offshore Humboldt and Del Norte counties from seismic permits.

The statutory filing fee has been paid by the applicant.

The applicant will obtain a permit from the Fish and Game Commission before commencing the seismic operations.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE TO CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY A GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT, CONFORMING TO ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS, ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION IN THE AREA LYING BETWEEN A LINE DRAWN DUE WEST FROM POINT CONCEPTION, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND THE SEAWARD EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF MENDOCINO COUNTY, EXCLUDING SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND OTHER INLAND WATERS DRAINING THEREIN.

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