

MINUTE ITEM

4/27/67

24. OIL AND GAS LEASE OFFER, SECTION 6871.3, PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE; SOLANO AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES - W.C. 6560.

After consideration of Calendar Item 26 attached, and 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 6873.2 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, THAT THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO CONSIDER OFFERING A LEASE FOR THE EXTRACTION OF OIL AND GAS FROM AN AREA OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS IN SUISUN BAY (INCLUDING HONKER BAY), IN THE COUNTIES OF SOLANO AND CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS IN SUISUN BAY (INCLUDING HONKER BAY) LYING IN PROJECTED SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 6, T. 2 N., R. 1 W., PROJECTED SECTIONS 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, T. 3 N., R. 1 W., PROJECTED SECTIONS 19, 20, 29, 30 AND 31, T. 3 N., R. 1 E., AND PROJECTED SECTION 36, T. 3 N., R. 2 W., M.D.B. & M.; IN THE COUNTIES OF SOLANO AND CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA; CONTAINING 5,600 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

Attachment

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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, 5,600 acres more or less of sovereign lands underlying Suisun Bay (including Honker Bay), Solano and Contra Costa Counties (Exhibits "A" and "E").

The area proposed for consideration lies adjacent to Parcels 47 (W.O. 6220) and 48 (W.O. 6345), for which Standard Oil Company of California offered high bids of \$725,612.00 and \$1,788,660.00, respectively, and a parcel of tide and submerged land in Suisun Bay (W.O. 6465) which the Commission intends to consider offering for lease for oil and gas. The area is also approximately two miles north of the Los Medanos Gas Field.

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 AN AREA OF TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS IN SUISUN BAY (INCLUDING HONKER BAY), IN THE COUNTIES OF SOLANO AND CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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