

MINUTE ITEM

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31. STATUS OF MAJOR LITIGATION - W.O.s 2716, 1839.16, 503.461, 2875.15, 503.481, 503.513, 503.521, 503.510, AND 4721.

The attached Calendar Item 29 was presented to the Commission for information only, no Commission action being required.

Attachment

Calendar Item 29 (4 pages)

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29.

STATUS OF MAJOR LITIGATION - W.O.s 2716, 1839.16, 503.461, 2875.15, 503.481, 503.513, 503.521, 503.510, AND 4721.

The following information is current as of April 13, 1967:

1. Case No. 747562 (now consolidated with Case No. 649466) W.O. 2716  
People vs. City of Long Beach, et al.  
Los Angeles County Superior Court  
(Long Beach Boundary Determination, Chapter 2000/57)

The City of Long Beach has remitted the following amounts to the State:

On March 13, 1967:

- (1) \$26,831.86 (principal sum of \$20,323.31 and interest of \$6,508.55), representing the State's share of dry gas revenues for the so-called Nine Channel Wells for the period Jan. 1, 1956, through Nov. 30, 1966;  
and
- (2) \$253,927.78, representing oil revenues from harbor upland parcels that were acquired by the expenditure of trust funds for the period Feb. 1, 1956, through Aug. 31, 1964.

On March 31, 1967:

- (3) \$33,268.01, representing the State's share of interest earned on oil revenues from the Nine Channel Wells for the period Feb. 1, 1956, through Feb. 28, 1967.

Continued progress is being made towards the preparation of a Decree that should settle most of the substantial title problems in the Long Beach Harbor District. However, this process is proving somewhat time-consuming in light of the complexities of the problems and the large number of parcels involved.

2. Case No. 55800 W.O. 1839.16  
People vs. Monterey Sand Co., et al.  
Monterey County Superior Court

(Action for declaratory relief, damages for trespass, quiet title, accounting, and injunction. It is alleged that the Monterey Sand Company is trespassing upon tide and submerged lands owned by the State, and is removing valuable sand deposits from said lands without paying any royalty to the State.)

Agreement has been reached tentatively for an inspection of Defendant's documents, in lieu of further answers to interrogatories.

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3. Case No. 30417 W.O. 503.461  
City of Morro Bay vs. County of San Luis Obispo and  
State of California  
San Luis Obispo County Superior Court

(By Chapter 1076, Stats. of 1947, certain tide and submerged lands in the vicinity of Morro Bay were granted to the County of San Luis Obispo. On July 17, 1964, the City of Morro Bay was incorporated so as to include the area of the granted tidelands. The purpose of the present action is to determine whether or not the City of Morro Bay acquired title to these tide and submerged lands as successor to the County and whether the City must take immediate title to such lands or may postpone taking title to some future date.)

Execution of settlement agreement was authorized by resolution of the State Lands Commission on March 23, 1967. On March 31, 1967, the City Council of the City of Morro Bay passed Resolution No. 37-67, approving the final settlement agreement. Inconsistencies have been found between this resolution and the maps. These are now being corrected.

4. Case No. 107490 W.O. 2875.15  
People vs. Pacific Fluorite  
San Bernardino County Superior Court

(Action (1) to eject Pacific Fluorite Co. of California (a California corporation) from Section 16, T. 17 N., R. 13 E., S.B.M., San Bernardino County; and (2) to quiet the State's title; and (3) to obtain an accounting for rents and profits -- mineral trespass.)

No change; i.e., all except one of the defendants have orally agreed to a settlement of the issues remaining in dispute. Written Stipulation for Judgment is being prepared. Efforts are continuing to reach a settlement with the remaining defendant.

5. Case No. 21087 W.O. 503.481  
Thomas P. Raley vs. State of California  
Yolo County Superior Court

(Suit to quiet title to land adjacent to the Sacramento River.)

No change; i.e., Matter under investigation.

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6. Case No. 892790 W.O. 503.513  
City of Los Angeles vs. City of Long Beach, et al.  
Los Angeles County Superior Court.

(An action by the City of Los Angeles against the cities of Long Beach and Oakland, alleging that the said cities have violated the provisions of the State's grants of lands, in trust, within their harbor districts by entering into alleged discriminatory agreements.)

The State made a general appearance as a party in the action, and requested a six months' extension in which to plead. The Court, on April 7, 1967, granted the State an extension of only 30 days. A Pleading must be filed on or before May 8, 1967. The hearing on the Demurrers and Motions for Summary Judgment of other defendants to the action is scheduled for May 26, 1967.

7. Case No. 903714 W.O. 503.521  
Standard Oil Company v. City of Carpinteria, et al.  
Los Angeles County Superior Court

(Challenge by Standard of the appraised value set by the State Lands Commission on the State's interest in tide and submerged lands proposed to be annexed by the City of Carpinteria.)

Hearing on Demurrers scheduled for April 21, 1967.

8. Case No. 892295 W.O. 503.510  
Miller vs. City of Santa Monica, et al.  
Los Angeles County Superior Court

(An action by private upland owners involving title to tidelands that have artificially accreted. Both the State Lands Commission and the Division of Beaches and Parks have interests to protect.)

No change; i.e., the City and the State have not filed any Demurrer or Answer as yet. However, the City and the State have entered into a Stipulation with the Plaintiffs in lieu of a preliminary injunction. The Stipulation restrains the Plaintiffs from building in the disputed area, and restrains the City and the State from removing any improvements thereon.

9. Case No. 5 Original in the United States Supreme Court W.O. 4721  
United States vs. State of California  
(Relating to the location of the offshore boundaries between lands under the paramount jurisdiction of the United States and lands owned by the State, for such purposes as minerals.)

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9. (Contd.)

W.O. 4721

A Supplemental Decree was entered in this case, settling the principal controversies between the State and the United States, but reserving jurisdiction in the United States Supreme Court to settle any remaining controversies.)

As previously reported, correspondence between the Office of the Attorney General and the Solicitor General of the United States indicates the possibility that further proceedings may be necessary to resolve legal questions relating to the ownership of submerged lands in the vicinity of Santa Barbara and Anacapa Islands and other submerged lands off-lying Carpinteria, California. The Solicitor for the Department of the Interior has been contacted in an effort to evolve an interim working agreement relating to controverted areas off Carpinteria pending a Court adjudication.