

43. OIL AND GAS LEASE OFFERS, SECTION 6871.3, PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE; SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - W.O. 6903.

After consideration of Calendar Item 45 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION:

1. FINDS THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE TO LEASE THE STATE-OWNED TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS ADJACENT TO THE SHORELINE OF THE MAINLAND, OR TO EXISTING LEASES ADJACENT THERETO, NOT INCLUDED IN EXISTING STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES OR EXCLUDED UNDER SECTION 6871.2(b) OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE (SANTA BARBARA SANCTUARY), LYING BETWEEN THE VENTURA-SANTA BARBARA COUNTY LINE ON THE EAST AND THE GEODETIC MERIDIAN LINE OF 120° 30' WEST LONGITUDE ON THE WEST AND SOUTH OF THE LINE OF VALUE Y = 360,852.47 FEET ON THE CALIFORNIA COORDINATE SYSTEM, ZONE 5, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 14,500 ACRES, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6871.1 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL OR GAS THEREFROM; AND
2. AUTHORIZES THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 6873.2 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, THAT THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO CONSIDER OFFERING LEASES FOR THE EXTRACTION OF OIL AND GAS FROM THE AREA OF STATE-OWNED TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS ADJACENT TO THE SHORELINE OF THE MAINLAND, OR TO EXISTING LEASES ADJACENT THERETO, NOT INCLUDED IN EXISTING STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES OR EXCLUDED UNDER SECTION 6871.2(b) OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE (SANTA BARBARA SANCTUARY), LYING BETWEEN THE VENTURA-SANTA BARBARA COUNTY LINE ON THE EAST AND THE GEODETIC MERIDIAN LINE OF 120° 30' WEST LONGITUDE ON THE WEST AND SOUTH OF THE LINE OF VALUE Y = 360,852.47 FEET ON THE CALIFORNIA COORDINATE SYSTEM, ZONE 5.

Attachment

Calendar Item 45 (2 pages)

45.

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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 Sections 6871.1 or 6877 of this Code for the production of oil or gas therefrom, ..., 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."

It is the conclusion of the executive staff that it is for the best interests of the State to consider offering for oil and gas lease, pursuant to competitive public bidding under the Public Resources Code, approximately 14,500 acres of tide and submerged lands adjacent to the shoreline in Santa Barbara County (Exhibit "A").

The State lands proposed for consideration are adjacent to the shoreline of the mainland, as to existing leases adjacent thereto, and extend from the Ventura-Santa Barbara County line on the East to the geodetic meridian line of 120° 30' West longitude (approximately 8700 feet West of Point Conception) on the West and South of the line (approximately 6500 feet North of Point Conception) of value Y = 360,852.47 feet on the California Coordinate System, Zone 5. These lands include formerly considered unleased areas, a parcel lying West of Point Conception, and land corridors seaward of existing leases confirmed to the State by Supreme Court Decree.

Notice of consideration covering State land seaward of the Channel Islands was published November 26 and December 3, 1965, and a public review was held on March 4, 1966, in Santa Barbara.

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 and...."

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE TO LEASE THE STATE-OWNED TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS ADJACENT TO THE SHORELINE OF THE MAINLAND, OR TO EXISTING LEASES ADJACENT THERETO, NOT INCLUDED IN EXISTING STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES OR EXCLUDED UNDER SECTION 6871.2(b) OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE (SANTA BARBARA SANCTUARY), LYING BETWEEN THE VENTURA-SANTA BARBARA COUNTY LINE ON THE EAST AND THE GEODETIC MERIDIAN LINE OF 120° 30' WEST LONGITUDE ON THE WEST AND SOUTH OF THE LINE OF VALUE Y = 360,852.47 FEET ON THE

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