

40. PROPOSED OIL AND GAS LEASES, TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - W.O. 6930 (PARCEL 57), W.O. 6935 (PARCEL 58), AND W.O. 6940 (PARCEL 59).

During consideration of Calendar Items 34, 35, and 36, the Executive Officer reviewed the background on oil drilling operations proposed in the Santa Barbara Channel, and read into the record the following correspondence:

Letter from Commander, Pacific Missile Range, Point Mugu, dated 20 March 1968, proposing lease modifications relative to public liability for military testing.

Letter from Mr. John A. Rutter, Regional Director of the National Park Service, dated March 27, 1968, proposing restriction of operations to no closer than one mile from shore.

Assemblyman Winfield Shoemaker appeared on behalf of his constituents in Santa Barbara County, stating that it was thought that further drilling in the Santa Barbara Channel will have an adverse impact in Santa Barbara County, particularly as to the island area desired for a National Park. He requested that another public hearing be held in the Santa Barbara area, to consider the effect of further drilling on the entire Santa Barbara County offshore area, and urged the Commission to act within the framework of the Marine and Coastal Resources Conservation and Development Act.

Mr. John Ziold, representing the Sierra Club, indicated that Assemblyman Shoemaker had fully covered the points he was going to make, but stated that the Commission had adequate reason to study the matter further, and urged them to do so.

The Chairman recommended that action on Calendar Items 34, 35, and 36 be deferred and again considered at the next meeting of the Commission for which adequate advance notices can be given to all interested parties.

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

ACTION ON CALENDAR ITEMS 34, 35, AND 36 WAS DEFERRED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION AT WHICH CONSIDERATION CAN BE SCHEDULED.