

29. GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT, MENDOCINO SOUTH THROUGH SAN DIEGO COUNTIES;
MARATHON OIL COMPANY - W.O. 6985, P.R.C. 3960.1.

During consideration of Calendar Item 50 attached, the Executive Officer read into the record four letters of protest that had been received, as follows:

- (1) The Board of Supervisors, County of Monterey, dated May 15, 1968, enclosing an Order Protesting Submarine Exploration Operations in the Offshore Area of Monterey County.
- (2) John McDaniel, Director, Carmel Highlands Association, Inc., dated May 20, 1968, stating that the Association had passed a motion at its meeting of May 15 to oppose the granting of a permit to the Marathon Oil Company to explore the Monterey County Coast line for oil, feeling that this would be detrimental to the area, which is considered one of the most beautiful in the world and should be maintained in its natural state.
- (3) Earl L. Moser, Chairman, Conservation Committee, Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, dated May 14, 1968, requesting that any application for offshore petroleum exploration along the coast of Monterey County be denied, claiming that such exploration results in coastal pollution and would detract greatly from the unspoiled beauty of the area, as well as having a precarious effect on the existence of sea otters.
- (4) Brooks Clement, Chairman, Save the BIG SUR COAST League, dated May 14, 1968, urging that Marathon Oil Company's request for permission to explore for oil along the Big Sur Coast be denied, claiming that it would have a serious deleterious effect upon the marine life in these waters, particularly upon the sea otters, that the waters would be polluted, and stating that this last remaining beauty spot of the California coast line should be protected from further encroachment by industrial promoters.

It was pointed out by the Executive Officer that State laws and the Rules and Regulations of the State Lands Commission governing oil-and-gas exploration and development adequately protect any area against deleterious effects.

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

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE TO MARATHON OIL COMPANY OF A GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION LYING BETWEEN THE SEAWARD EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF MENDOCINO COUNTY AND THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA EXCEPTING THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED AREAS:

1. SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND OTHER INLAND WATERS DRAINING THEREIN;
2. LANDS INCLUDED IN SECTION 6871.2(b) OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE;

3. LANDS LYING ADJACENT TO THE MAINLAND BETWEEN A LINE FORMING THE NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, ORANGE COUNTY, AND THE SEAWARD EXTENSION THEREOF, AND A LINE FORMING THE SOUTH-EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF ORANGE COUNTY AND THE SEAWARD EXTENSION THEREOF.

Attachment

Calendar Item 50 (1 page)

APPLICATION FOR GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT

APPLICANT: Marathon Oil Company

LOCATION: The offshore area lying between the seaward extension of the northern boundary of Mendocino County and the southern boundary of the State of California

METHOD OF EXPLORATION:
Seismic

TERM: From May 23, 1968, through November 22, 1968

FILING FEE: \$5 submitted

EXPENSES: Inspection costs to be reimbursed by the permittee

PREREQUISITE ITEM:
A Fish and Game Commission permit

OPERATING CONDITIONS:
Established by the State Lands Commission

NOTIFICATION: The Board of Supervisors of the affected counties, the Greater Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, and the Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- a. Public Resources Code: Div. 6, Pt. 2, Ch. 3, Art. 2, Sec. 6826
- b. California Administrative Code: Title 2, Div. 3, Sec. 2100

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE TO MARATHON OIL COMPANY OF A GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION LYING BETWEEN THE SEAWARD EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF MENDOCINO COUNTY AND THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA EXCEPTING THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED AREAS:

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