

37. CONSIDERATION OF OIL AND GAS LEASE OFFER, SECTION 6871.3 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES - W.O. 7094.

During consideration of Calendar Item 44 attached, Mr. H. A. Lingle, Deputy City Attorney of the City of Long Beach, appeared and expressed opposition of the City of Long Beach to the proposed oil and gas lease offer within the city limits of Long Beach, inasmuch as the City is concerned about subsidence and about esthetics.

It was noted that the Commission would fully protect the right of the City of Long Beach to be heard in the event of a future public hearing and precedent to any oil and gas lease offer.

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

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED OFFER FOR OIL AND GAS LEASE OF UNGRANTED STATE-OWNED TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS NOT INCLUDED IN EXISTING STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES THAT LIE BETWEEN THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH ON THE WEST AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH AND THE SOUTHWESTERLY PROLONGATION THEREOF ON THE EAST, WITH THE RECORD OF HEARINGS TO BE REPORTED TO THE COMMISSION PRIOR TO ITS DETERMINATION AS TO THE SPECIFIC LANDS TO BE OFFERED FOR LEASE.

Attachment

Calendar Item 44 (1 page)

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Section 6873.2 of the Public Resources Code requires that "Before offering any tide or submerged land 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... Published notices shall be given in the manner prescribed in Section 6834 of this chapter..." Section 6834 provides, in part, that "The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the lands or greater portion thereof are situated..."

On August 28, 1968 (Minute Item 57, page 1,039), the Commission authorized the publication of the notice 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 that area of ungranted State tide and submerged lands not included in existing State oil and gas leases that lies between the westerly boundary of the City of Long Beach on the west, and the southeasterly city limits of the City of Huntington Beach and the southwesterly prolongation thereof on the east, containing 18,000 acres more or less.

The authorized notice was published on September 11 and on September 18, 1968. On September 11, 1968, copies of the notice were sent to the Boards of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and the County of Orange, and to the City Councils of the City of Huntington Beach, the City of Seal Beach, and the City of Long Beach.

On September 17, 1968, the City of Seal Beach requested that a public hearing be held on this matter. The City of Long Beach, on October 1, 1968, and the City of Huntington Beach, on October 9, 1968, requested that a hearing be held with respect to the offering of leases in the area outlined above.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED OFFER FOR OIL AND GAS LEASE OF UNGRANTED STATE-OWNED TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS NOT INCLUDED IN EXISTING STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES THAT LIE BETWEEN THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH ON THE WEST AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH AND THE SOUTHWESTERLY PROLONGATION THEREOF ON THE EAST, WITH THE RECORD OF THE HEARINGS TO BE REPORTED TO THE COMMISSION PRIOR TO ITS DETERMINATION AS TO THE SPECIFIC LANDS TO BE OFFERED FOR LEASE.