

38. CONSIDERATION OF OIL AND GAS LEASE OFFER, SECTION 6871.3 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, CONTRA COSTA, SOLANO, SONOMA, AND MARIN COUNTIES - W.O. 7086.

After consideration of Calendar Item 43 attached, and 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 STATE-OWNED TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS IN SAN PABLO BAY, 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.

Attachment

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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 56, page 1,036), 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 an area of tide and submerged lands of the State of California in San Pablo Bay, in the counties of Contra Costa, Solano, Sonoma, and Marin, containing approximately 75,000 acres.

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 Contra Costa, County of Solano, County of Sonoma, and County of Marin.

Requests for public hearings on this matter were received within 30 days, from the Boards of Supervisors of the counties of Marin, Solano, and Contra Costa, and from the cities of Richmond, Vallejo, and Pinole.

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 STATE-OWNED TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS IN SAN PABLO BAY, 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.