

18. PERMITS TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, SUBMERGED LANDS AND VACANT STATE SCHOOL LAND, MONO LAKE, MONO COUNTY; SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY - W 9241, PRC 4571.1; W 9242, PRC 4572.1; W 9243, PRC 4573.1; W 9244, PRC 4574.1; W 9245, PRC 4575.1; W 9246, PRC 4576.1; W 9248, PRC 4577.2.

During consideration of Calendar Item 21 attached, the Executive Officer read into the record the following telegram of March 24, 1971, from William Neely, representing California Resources and Planning:

"MONO LAKE UNDER STUDY FOR FUTURE NATURAL AREA UNIQUE IN CALIFORNIA.
WE OPPOSE EDISON GEOTHERMAL PROSPECTING."

Appearances were made by Messrs. Timothy Hansen and Franklin Dunn, both of whom are private citizens and property owners at Mono Lake, who did not oppose ultimate issuance of the permits to prospect for geothermal resources but did request deferment of action to allow for local study of the proposed operations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Orr to defer consideration of the application for thirty days, but the motion did not pass.

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER REINECKE, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, WITH COMMISSIONER ORR VOTING NO:

THE COMMISSION:

1. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6371 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 6 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF, FINDS THAT THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES IN THE AREAS UNDER APPLICATION WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT DETRIMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT.
2. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6904 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE OF SEVEN PERMITS TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ON LANDS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 1971, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1974, IN THE STANDARD FORM OF GEOTHERMAL EXPLORATION PERMIT APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON MAY 29, 1969 (MINUTE ITEM 48, PAGE 660), SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

UPON DISCOVERY OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, PERMITTEE'S GENERALIZED DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPENDED TO THE "ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT, GEOTHERMAL PROSPECTING - MONO LAKE, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY" DATED JANUARY 20, 1971, ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION, SHALL BE USED BY THE COMMISSION AS GUIDELINES FOR APPROVAL OF PRODUCTION GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES UNDER THIS PERMIT AND ANY PREFERENTIAL LEASE ISSUED BY VIRTUE THEREOF; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMMISSION MAY USE OTHER AND DIFFERENT GUIDELINES IF IT DEEMS THAT THEY ARE WARRANTED TECHNOLOGICAL OR ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES OCCURRING SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY 20, 1971.

MINUTE ITEM 18. (CONTD.)

NO FILLED LANDS, PIERS, PLATFORMS, OR OTHER FIXED OR FLOATING STRUCTURES IN, ON, OR OVER THE SUBMERGED LANDS COVERED BY THIS PERMIT, SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED, USED, MAINTAINED, OR OPERATED WITHOUT THE WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF THE STATE LANDS DIVISION AND COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 6818.

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Calendar Item 21 (3 pages)

CALENDAR ITEM

21.

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO
PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

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APPLICANT: Southern California Edison Company.

LOCATION: Mono Lake, Mono County.

TYPE OF LAND: Parcels A, B, C, D, E and F: Submerged lands.
Parcel G: Vacant State school land.

ACREAGE: Parcel A - 4,710 acres
Parcel B - 4,728 acres
Parcel C - 3,226 acres
Parcel D - 4,877 acres
Parcel E - 4,813 acres
Parcel F - 2,720 acres
Parcel G - 240 acres

Total 25,314 acres

SURFACE OWNER: State.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

- a. Applications approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
- b. Land has not been classified as known geothermal resources land.
- c. Statutory filing fees, permit fees, and expense deposits have been submitted by applicant.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Pursuant to Section 6371 of the Public Resources Code, an environmental impact report has been prepared by the State Lands Division. The report is on file in the office of the Commission and is available for public review. The report concludes that the proposed operations will not have a significant detrimental environmental effect.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

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EXHIBIT "A"

Those certain parcels of land in the bed of Mono Lake, lying below the ordinary low water mark, situated in Mono County, State of California, described as follows:

- W 9241, PARCEL A: All of Sections 28, 29 and 33, the west half of Section 27, the west half of Section 34, that portion of the west half of Section 22, and those portions of Sections 19, 20, 21, 30, 31 and 32, in T. 2 N., R. 26 E., M.D.B. & M.; and that portion of Section 5, T. 1 N., R. 26 E., M.D.B. & M., containing 4,710 acres more or less.
- W 9242, PARCEL B: All of Sections 1 and 2 in T. 1 N., R. 26 E., M.D.B. & M.; and all of Sections 24, 26 and 35, the east half of Section 27, and the east half of Section 34, and those portions of Sections 22 and 23 in T. 2 N., R. 26 E., M.D.B. & M., EXCEPTING FROM said Section 24, any portion thereof lying within Negit Island, also known as Bird Island, containing 4,728 acres more or less.
- W 9243, PARCEL C: All of Sections 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36 in T. 2 N., R. 27 E., M.D.B. & M., containing 3,226 acres more or less.
- W 9244, PARCEL D: All of Sections 18, 19 and 30, and those portions of Sections 8, 17, 20, 21, 28, 31 and 32 in T. 2 N., R. 28 E., M.D.B. & M., containing 4,877 acres more or less.
- W 9245, PARCEL E: All of Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5, and that portion of Section 6 in T. 2 N., R. 27 E., M.D.B. & M.; and those portions of Sections 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 in T. 3 N., R. 27 E., M.D.B. & M., containing 4,813 acres more or less.
- W 9246, PARCEL F: All of Sections 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, EXCEPTING the south half of the south half of Sections 9, 10 and 11 in T. 2 N., R. 27 E., M.D.B. & M., containing 2,720 acres more or less.

Those certain parcels of land situated in Section 16, T. 2 N., R. 28 E., M.D.B. & M., Mono County, State of California, described as follows:

- W 9248, PARCEL G: The east half of the west half; the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter; and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter, containing 240 acres more or less.

For the purpose of these descriptions the Sections referred to above are projected Sections based on the plats of the Townships hereinabove referred to.