

24. PERMIT TO ENTER ABANDONED GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES WELLS "STATE 4572" 1 AND "STATE 4397" 1, SUBMERGED (RECESSION) LANDS IN MONO LAKE, MONO COUNTY; U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, GEOTHERMAL STUDIES BRANCH - W 9725, PRC 4907.9 (PRC 4572.1, PRC 4397.1).

After consideration of Calendar Item 23 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINES THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH REPORT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 21085 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND 14 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SECTION 15106.
2. AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, GEOTHERMAL STUDIES BRANCH, OF A PERMIT TO ENTER ABANDONED GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES WELLS "STATE 4572" 1 AND "STATE 4397" 1 TO MEASURE EARTH HEAT FLOW FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 1974, THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 1976, ON RECESSION LANDS, LYING IN THE BED OF MONO LAKE, MONO COUNTY, UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION; IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Attachment:

Calendar Item 23 (2 pages)

CALENDAR ITEM

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PERMIT TO ENTER ABANDONED GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES WELLS

APPLICANT: U. S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey,
Geothermal Studies Branch.

LOCATION: Mono Lake, Mono County.

TYPE OF LAND: Submerged - recession lands.

PURPOSE: Geothermal research, earth heat flow studies.

TERM: June 1, 1974, through October 1, 1976.

CONSIDERATION: Public benefit.

FILING FEE: Not required.

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The U. S. Geological Survey proposes to enter "State 4572" 1 drilled to a total depth of 2,437 feet by Getty Oil Company under Prospecting Permit PRC 4572.1 and "State 4397" 1 drilled to a total depth of 4,110 feet by Geothermal Resources International, Inc., under Prospecting Permit PRC 4397.1. "State 4397" 1 was abandoned on September 27, 1971, and "State 4572" 1 was abandoned on December 1, 1971. The applicant plans to drill out cement plugs and run 1/4 inch casing in both wells. Equipment capable of measuring earth heat flow will be installed in the casings and measurements made over the next two years. All operations will comply with rules and regulations of the Commission. All factual and physical data resulting from the operations under this permit will be furnished to the State Lands Commission.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Section 6371 of the Public Resources Code as recently amended (Chapter 688, Statutes of 1973) now provides that the Commission shall not lease any lands under its jurisdiction until the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) have been fulfilled. Section 15106 of the guidelines prepared for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act provides that information collection activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource are categorically exempt from the preparation of an environmental impact report. The proposed permit is for the express purpose of collecting data for geothermal research.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

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