

29. STATUS REPORT ON COORDINATION WITH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR.

Mr. E. N. Gladish, Executive Officer, State Lands Commission, presented a status report concerning coordination between the State and the U. S. Department of Interior on offshore development. He explained that about eight or nine months ago, the U. S. Department of Interior announced its intentions to call for nominations for development of the Federal Outer Continental Shelf in Southern California for oil and gas development. More recently they have indicated that, in response to the national program of "Project Independence", they plan to make very detailed environmental studies of seven potential areas off the Southern California coast, generally south of Santa Barbara and generally north of San Diego.

Mr. Gladish reported that a representative of the Department of Interior has visited California to discuss various interface problems of concern to State and local agencies. As a result of these meetings, the State and the Federal Government have developed a number of joint projects. Many of these are problem-avoidance projects and some are projects which would resolve some long-standing disagreements between the State and the Federal Government concerning offshore boundaries. Briefly, the areas of coordination are as follows:

1. A mechanism has been developed to coordinate with the Department of Interior on the preparation of environmental impact statements to assure efficient communication.
2. One group is working on lease terms and conditions concerned with sanctuaries, buffer zones, etc.
3. One group is working to minimize the differences between the State and the Federal Government concerning rules and regulations.
4. One group is working on minimizing the impact on the tidelands that are utilized for pipeline corridors.
5. Another group is working to resolve a number of important boundary disputes between the State and the Federal Government in tideland areas involving offshore islands, interpretation of harbor works, definition of rocks, and various measuring points along the California coast.