

MINUTE ITEM

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26. CONVERSION OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES LEASES PRC 3143, PRC 3144, PRC 3145, AND PRC 3146 UNDER THE GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ACT OF 1967, PROPRIETARY LAND IN IMPERIAL COUNTY; IMPERIAL THERMAL PRODUCTS, INC. - PRC 4976 (PRC 3143, PRC 3144, PRC 3145, PRC 3146).

After consideration of Calendar Item 26 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 THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT OF 1970, AS AMENDED.
2. APPROVES THE AMENDMENT OF THE LEASE FORM FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES (ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION ON MAY 27, 1971) ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.
3. AUTHORIZES CONVERSION OF LEASES PRC 3143, PRC 3144, PRC 3145, AND PRC 3146 UNDER THE GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ACT OF 1967, BY ISSUING ONE LEASE UTILIZING THE LEASE FORM APPROVED ON MAY 27, 1971, AS AMENDED ABOVE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE FOUR ORIGINAL LEASES.

Attachment:

Calendar Item 26 (2 pages)

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CONVERSION OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES LEASES UNDER
THE GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ACT OF 1967

APPLICANT: Imperial Thermal Products, Inc.

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

535 acres of proprietary land in Imperial County.

SURFACE OWNER: Department of Fish and Game.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

- a. Application, approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
- b. Statutory filing fee submitted by applicant.

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Section 6919 of the Public Resources Code provides that any person who holds an unexpired lease to develop geothermal resources issued before the effective date of the Geothermal Resources Act of 1967 may convert it to a lease under the Act. The leases were issued on May 28, 1964, and the lessees made application for conversion on April 18, 1968. Conversion of the lease has been delayed pending negotiation of lease terms. It is proposed to convert the four leases into one lease. The lease form has been amended to provide for unitization and to incorporate additional environmental protection provisions. The amended form has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

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, as amended, have been fulfilled. Section 15037 of the guidelines prepared for the implementation of CEQA defines a project. Conversion of the leases does not fall under the definition of a project and is therefore not subject to the provisions of CEQA.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

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2. APPROVE THE AMENDMENT OF THE LEASE FORM FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES (ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION ON MAY 27, 1971) ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.
3. AUTHORIZE CONVERSION OF LEASES PRC 3143.1, PRC 3144.1, PRC 3145.1 AND PRC 3146.1 UNDER THE GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ACT OF 1967, BY ISSUING ONE LEASE UTILIZING THE LEASE FORM APPROVED ON MAY 27, 1971, AS AMENDED ABOVE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE FOUR ORIGINAL LEASES.