

STATUS OF MAJOR LITIGATION

Mr. N. Gregory Taylor, Assistant Attorney General, reported on the following lawsuits:

1. There are 7 more lawsuits regarding Santa Monica bringing the total to 27 and there are 5 remaining lawsuits which have not been included in the litigation. Before filing those actions the staff is attempting to settle these suits because they are in the de minimus categories if they agree with our contention about the line.
2. The City of Morro Bay litigation has now been filed as to the 1/3 of the mile of the waterfront of Morro Bay. A number of parties were named in this action.
3. A brief has been filed in Exxon v. State Lands Commission with the Appellant's opening brief in the District Court of Appeals in Sacramento. Exxon's response should be in 30 days unless they ask for an extension.
4. In the case of United States of America v. Union Oil it was stated that geothermal energy is a mineral.
5. A \$2.7 million claim has been filed against the Commission in connection with the San Elijo Lagoon. Settlement negotiations are underway with staff and agreement is close. The filing was necessary because the statute was running out. If negotiations are unsuccessful, the opposing side will use that as a basis of their lawsuit against the state.

At the conclusion of the litigation items, Mr. Jan Stevens then introduced a new member of the Land Staff of the Attorney General's office, Ms. Margaret Rodda. He further went on to say that Mr. Allan Goodman, Deputy Attorney General, was working with the Delta and Lake Tahoe problems.