

MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. 29
was approved as Minute Item
No. 29 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 2
to 0 at its 8/25/77
meeting.

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29. TAXATION OF LONG BEACH OIL FIELD

During consideration of Calendar Item 29, attached, Mr. William F. Northrop, Executive Officer, explained that because of the recent upheaval in the Los Angeles Tax Assessor's Office, the staff has been unsuccessful in making contact with the Assessor as previously instructed by the Commission. He explained that the Calendar Item before the Commission is to request authorization for the Executive Officer and the Attorney General to take the necessary steps to effect a timely filing of an application for the reduction of the 1977-78 assessment of the Long Beach Unit with the Los Angeles County Assessment Appeals Board.

Acting Chairman Roy Bell asked if the City of Long Beach would be the State's friend in court. Mr. Harold Lingle, City Attorney, representing the City of Long Beach, stated that the City intends to cooperate with the State.

Mr. W. M. Thompson, Manager, Long Beach Operations, explained that the Assessor taxes the field contractor through a possessory interest concept. He further explained that the Commission must decide whether taxes collected by the local entity are of more importance than money used statewide. He stated the local taxing agencies would have to collect more taxes if the State wins the suit, but that same money would be used for statewide purposes, specifically Capital Outlay for Higher Education.

Mr. Thompson then explained in more detail the background of this matter.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 2-0:

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TAKE THE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO EFFECT THE TIMELY FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION IN THE 1977-1978 ASSESSMENT OF THE LONG BEACH UNIT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD.

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