

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 21  
was approved as Minute Item  
No. 21 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3  
to 0 at its 4-27-79  
meeting.

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ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO GEOTHERMAL  
EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ON STATE LANDS

On March 28, 1979, the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to obtain public comments on draft revisions to Article 4.1 of the Commission's regulations, with regard to geothermal exploration and development on State lands. In addition, the Commission directed the Executive Officer to submit proposed amendments to Article 4.1 in final form for the consideration of adoption by the Commission at the Commission's June meeting. (Minute Item No. 35)

The staff subsequently duly published the draft regulations and received written comments thereon. In addition, the staff held two public hearings, May 16 in Sacramento and May 17 in Lakeport. The staff has carefully considered all comments on the published regulations and has made appropriate revisions to the draft regulations as a result of those comments. The staff has made available to the Commission the public record of those comments, pursuant to Section 6110 of the P.R.C. Said record is on file in the offices of the Commission.

Copies of the proposed final regulations have been sent to those who commented on the draft regulations and to other interested parties. The staff today presents final regulations to the Commission and recommends Commission adoption of those regulations. The staff believes that the presented regulations constitute an implementation of the Geothermal Resources Act (P.R.C. Section 6901 et seq.) in the best interest of the State.

If the Commission adopts these regulations, the regulations will become effective 30 days after they are duly filed with the Secretary of State.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DECLARE THAT IT HAS CONSIDERED THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS, ARGUMENTS AND CONTENTIONS IT HAS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLISHED DRAFT REGULATIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 6110 OF THE P.R.C.

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2. DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO FILE THE FINAL REVISIONS TO ARTICLE 4.1 OF THE COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS, ON FILE IN THE OFFICES OF THE COMMISSION, WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.