

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 38
was approved as Minute Item
No. 38 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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meeting.

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ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS FOR OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND PRODUCTION OPERATIONS ON STATE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS

On October 29, 1979, the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to hold public hearings for the purpose of soliciting public comments on revised draft regulations to Article 3 of the Commission's Administrative Code concerning oil and gas drilling and production operations on State tide and submerged lands. In addition, the Commission directed the Executive Officer to submit the draft regulations for adoption at the Commission's meeting in February, 1980. (Minute Item No. 38). The time of consideration was subsequently changed to the May, 1980 meeting.

The Staff subsequently published the draft regulations and held a public hearing in Santa Barbara on March 1, 1980, to receive oral and written comments thereon. The staff has carefully considered all comments on the draft regulations and has made appropriate revisions thereto 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 the final regulations to the Commission and recommends Commission adoption of those regulations. The staff believes that the regulations, as presented, are in the best interests 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.
2. DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE THE FINAL REVISED STATE LANDS COMMISSION REGULATIONS IN ARTICLE 3 OF TITLE 2, DIVISION 3 OF THE CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, ON FILE IN THE OFFICES OF THE COMMISSION.