

5. (Application for Oil and Gas Lease, Section 16, T. 4 N., R. 16 E., S.B.M., San Bernardino County, Mr. Harold Hershenow - W.O. 477) The Commission was informed that an application had been received from Mr. Harold Hershenow for an oil and gas lease on vacant State school land in Section 16, T. 4 N., R. 16 E., S.B.B. & M., San Bernardino County.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to reject the application of Mr. Harold Hershenow for an oil and gas lease on Section 16, T. 4 N., R. 16 E., S.B.B. & M., San Bernardino County for the following reasons:

1. It does not appear that the subject lands probably contain commercially valuable deposits of oil or gas, which is a condition precedent to leasing required by Section 6852 of the Public Resources Code.
2. It is not for the best interests of the State to lease such lands for the production of oil and gas therefrom at this time.
3. Sufficient evidence has not been presented by the applicant of financial or technical ability to proceed under the terms of a State oil and gas lease, if issued.

6. (Extension of Lease 52, Richfield Oil Company - Rincon Oil Field, Ventura County - W.O. 499 - P.R.C. 110) The Commission was informed that State Oil and Gas Lease issued April 17, 1929 for an initial term of twenty years, provides for an extension for an additional period of ten years under such terms and conditions as the State may determine at the time of renewal.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to execute and issue to the Richfield Oil Company a ten year extension and renewal of State Oil and Gas Lease 52, Rincon Oil Field, Ventura County, in a form approved by the Attorney General and at a minimum royalty rate of 12½ per cent, and subject to notice to the Department of Interior and the provisions, if any, of the stipulation entered into between the Attorney General of the United States and the Attorney General of California dated July 26, 1947, as extended by the stipulation of July 28, 1948.

7. (Proposed Quitclaim Lease P.R.C. 144, Fullerton Oil Company, et al., Rincon Oil Field, Ventura County) The Commission was informed that on May 27, 1948 (Minute Page 860), it authorized the acceptance of a quitclaim from the Fullerton Oil Company, et al., Lessees under P.R.C. 144, of all but 10 acres of the lease area surrounding the bottom hole location of Well 144-1. Failure to obtain commercial production in Well 144-1 has resulted in the abandonment of the well and the submission by the operator of a full quitclaim and surrender of the remaining 10 acres in Lease P.R.C. 144.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to approve the full quitclaim and surrender of State Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 144 as proffered by Fullerton Oil Company, et al., subject to notice to the Department of Interior and the provisions, if any, of the stipulation entered into between the Attorney General of the United States and the Attorney General of California dated July 26, 1947, as extended by the stipulation of July 28, 1948.