

A special meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in Room 5100 State Capitol, Sacramento 14, California, on Wednesday, April 13, 1955, at 9 a.m.

Present: Robert C. Kirkwood, Chairman
John M. Peirce, Member

Absent: Harold J. Powers, Member

Staff Members in Attendance:

Rufus W. Putnam, Executive Officer
J. Stuart Watson, Assistant Executive Officer

1. With regard to W. O. 2049 the Executive Officer presented an interdepartmental memorandum reading as follows:

"Pursuant to the further directives of the Commission on March 31, 1955 (Minute Item 17, page 2315)..., further review of the requirements for a study of engineering and legal problems in the development of tide and submerged lands for oil and gas has been conducted, together with inquiries as to the bases for employment and availability of experts to conduct the requisite studies and to present recommendations on future operating conditions for consideration by the Commission.

"Preliminary consultations have been completed with the following as to interest, qualifications, and availability for study of prescribed sections of the cumulative problems:

- (1) Mr. E. R. Stanley, Stanley & Stolz, Consulting Geologists and Engineers;
- (2) Dr. P. T. Homan, Chairman, Department of Economics, University of California at Los Angeles;
- (3) Mr. Charles B. Bennett, Consulting Planner, formerly chief of the City Planning Department, City of Los Angeles.

"The composite problems of the initial study phase will include:

- (a) The elements of exploration, development and production of oil and gas, which could be assigned for study to Mr. Stanley.
- (b) The bases for most effective leasing procedures to accomplish lease development in the best interests of the State, for study by Dr. Homan.
- (c) The utilization of surface land resources and the interrelated effects of oil and gas developments in the area, for study by Mr. Bennett.