"The Assessor of Sacramento County has assessed contiguous lands at $20 to $100 per acre.

"An inspection by a member of the Commission's staff on March 31, 1955 indicates that said land is suitable for cultivation without artificial irrigation.

"Section 3 of Article 17 of the State Constitution provides that lands which are suitable for cultivation shall be granted only to actual settlers under such conditions as shall be prescribed by law.

"Paragraph (a) of Section 2303 of the Rules and Regulations of the State Lands Commission provides that sales of occupied lands shall be accomplished by negotiation by the State Lands Division. In accordance therewith, the sale price of the subject 2.15-acre parcel has been negotiated, subject to Commission approval, at $232.55 per acre. The total of such negotiated price of $500 has now been paid by the applicants."

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:


10. (APPROVAL OF MAP OF GRANT TO THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY - W. O. 2116, GEO.-LOS ANGELES COUNTY.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"Chapter 1127, Statutes of 1955, State of California, granted to the City of Manhattan Beach certain tide and submerged lands within the corporate limits of the City of Manhattan Beach, bordering upon, in, under and adjacent to the waters of the Pacific Ocean and situated below the mean high tide line of the Pacific Ocean."
"Section 2 of Chapter 1427, Statutes of 1955, directs the State Lands Commission, at the cost of the grantee, to survey, monument, plat and record the area of State lands described in this act. Such survey and map have been completed and the map will be recorded after its approval by the State Lands Commission. Monumenting is not required since the granted area is waterward of the mean high tide line and the northern and southern boundaries of the grant are prolongations of well defined corporate limits of the City of Manhattan Beach."

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE AND HAVE RECORDED THE MAP ENTITLED "SURVEY OF THE GRANT TO CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, VICINITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA", PREPARED UNDER W.O. 2116.

11. (OIL AND GAS MATTERS - GEN. DATA.)

The Chairman introduced Assemblymen Allen Miller and Jesse M. Unruh, stating that they were present as members of a committee on tideland oil and gas development, pointing out that this was a highly controversial subject. Later Assemblymen Bruce F. Allen and Joseph C. Shell joined the group.

Assemblyman Miller spoke briefly, referring to the public hearings which had been held in Los Angeles on May 3 and 4, 1956 by the Subcommittee of the Assembly Committee on Conservation, Planning and Public Works, of which he is Chairman, stating that members of the staff of the State Lands Commission had testified and given valuable information. As a result of those hearings and because of the urgency of the matter, his committee had prepared and he delivered a letter to the Commission pointing out some of the committee’s findings. He indicated that these findings were necessarily of a preliminary nature, because of the short time the committee had had in which to prepare them, and were subject to being supplemented at a later date. The findings and recommendations in this letter, which was dated May 17, 1956, were read, as follows:

"FINDINGS:

"1. Your staff estimates a potential oil reserve of 4,000,000,000 (four billion) barrels in the State owned tide and submerged lands.

"2. That under the present statutes, the Lands Commission has the power to issue permits for geophysical, geological and core drilling surveys of the State owned tide and submerged lands on such conditions as the Commission shall impose.

"3. That the three survey permits now active contain the following conditions:

'1. The Commission reserves the right to receive, and upon demand by the Commission the permittee shall furnish, copies of all exploration results, logs, and records for confidential use of the State Lands Commission for the sole purpose of its determination as to whether the areas or any portion thereof embraced