

MINUTE ITEM

33. CONVENTION AND EXHIBIT HALL, CITY OF LONG BEACH, L.B.W.O. 10,130.

The Chairman called attention to an announcement in the Long Beach press to the effect that the City of Long Beach had practically secured approval for a \$6 million Convention Hall by the office of the Attorney General and certain members of the State Lands Commission. The Executive Officer confirmed that no application had been received by the staff, and therefore that no action had been taken. However, the staff was aware that this project had been discussed as to legal qualifications with the office of the Attorney General.

The Chairman then reviewed that it was his understanding that the approved procedure for working with the City of Long Beach was through the office of the State Lands Division, which in turn would, when necessary, direct problems to the Attorney General, and that where matters were handled directly with the Attorney General which concerned the Commission, the Commission should at least be kept informed.

Deputy Attorney General Jay L. Shavelson reported that this matter was in litigation, in People vs. Long Beach, and an action having been filed seeking declaratory judgment, Mr. Shavelson outlined the procedure in the office of the Attorney General, which invariably was to make certain that such matters concerning the Lands Commission did go to it first, and that legal opinions were given only pursuant to requests from the Commission. However, this case was a little different, in that an action had been filed, and once a matter is in litigation the procedure is necessarily altered in that direct approach to the Attorney General was perhaps more warranted, and that the office of the Attorney General attempts to keep the Commission's staff informed. Mr. Shavelson pointed out that the City of Long Beach had been asked to submit an application to the State Lands Commission, but had chosen to do otherwise and submit the question directly to the Attorney General.

Mr. Harold A. Lingle, Deputy City Attorney for Long Beach, confirmed that no application had been filed by the City with the Commission, but emphasized that under the decree it had appeared possible that the Attorney General might stipulate in the lawsuit on some of the items.

The Executive Officer was requested to contact the Attorney General's office to arrange for these matters to be processed in proper order.