

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 32
was approved as Minute Item
No. 32 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 2
to 0 at its 7-22-76
meeting.

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO PROSPECT FOR
GEOHERMAL RESOURCES

APPLICANT: Q. B. Resources International,
a partnership composed of Akeley P. Quirk
and Alexander Black
612 So. Flower Street, Suite 804
Los Angeles, California 90017

LOCATION: Salton Sea Area, Imperial County.

ACREAGE: 640 acres.

SURFACE OWNERS: Cecile Newell and C. W. Henderson

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

- A. Statutory filing fee, permit fee and
expense deposits have been submitted by
the applicant.
- B. Land has not been classified as known
geothermal resources land.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The applicant has entered into a lease with
the surface owners for the development of
geothermal resources. Pursuant to said lease
the surface owner has assigned his preferen-
tial right to a prospecting permit to the
applicant.

The applicant proposes to conduct exploratory
work adjacent to or in the permit area to
determine if geothermal resources occur beneath
State land. Such exploratory work may include
geological, geochemical and geophysical work,
as well as the drilling of exploratory wells.
The permit, if issued, will state that the
permittee is limited to three such wells and
the use of one drilling rig.

The parcel is located in an area that has geo-
thermal potential. Wells drilled approximately
12 miles to the southeast have encountered geo-
thermal resources but to date none has proved
to be commercial. Since there are no commercial
wells nearby, it is the staff's opinion that
the parcel cannot be classified as being with-
in a known geothermal resources area so a
prospecting permit should be issued.

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The permit form has been approved by the office of the Attorney General as to compliance with applicable provisions of the law and the rules and regulations of the Commission.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Pursuant to Division 13 of the Public Resources Code, Environmental Impact Report No. 197, has been prepared and is on file in the Office of the State Lands Commission, available for public review. Upon discovery of geothermal resources, the preferential right to convert the permit into a geothermal lease will be subject to an additional environmental impact report covering proposed commercial operations.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE DIVISION FOLLOWING EVALUATION OF COMMENTS AND CONSULTATION WITH PUBLIC AGENCIES WHICH WILL ISSUE APPROVALS FOR THE PROJECT.
2. CERTIFY THAT THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR 197) HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT OF 1979, AS AMENDED, AND THE STATE GUIDELINES AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
3. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
4. AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO O. R. RESOURCES, INTERNATIONAL, A PARTNERSHIP, TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES IN THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED PARCEL:

MINERAL INTERESTS RESERVED TO THE STATE IN SECTION 16, T.9S., R.12E., S.B.M., IMPERIAL COUNTY, CONTAINING 640 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

5. UTILIZE THE FORM OF PERMIT ADOPTED AT THIS MEETING AND ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.