

REPORT ON STATUS OF MAJOR LITIGATION

Mr. N. Gregory Taylor, Assistant Attorney General, reported on five items of interest during the last month which concerned litigation.

1. U.S. v. California

The Federal Government filed a response to the State's request that the Supreme Court adjudicate the matter by submitting their own proposed decree. They have also requested that a Special Master be appointed to hear testimony. Mr. Taylor indicated the State will attempt to work out with the Federal Government a brief procedure alleviating the necessity of a Special Master.

2. A meeting is scheduled in Washington, D.C., with the State, the U.S. Departments of Interior, Justice and State and other Federal agencies to work out the remaining offshore boundary problems. He indicated it is their hope a substantial amount of problems can be resolved so that very little will go to the Supreme Court.

3. A letter was sent by the State to the Federal Government objecting to the 20 parcels which the Federal Government has indicated they will offer for offshore leasing in Lease Sale No. 48.

4. Arizona v. California

A meeting is scheduled with representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice, representing the Colorado River Indian Tribes; the Nevada Attorney General; and representatives from the States of Arizona and Nevada. The meeting is to discuss the Federal Government's proposal that the State agree with the Secretary of Interior's readjustment in the boundaries of certain Colorado River Tribes.

5. An information-gathering meeting is scheduled between the State of California and representatives of the State of Nevada to discuss what both States plan to do on their respective sides of Lake Tahoe with regard to title and boundary problems and the administration of the Lake.