STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Minutes of the Meeting of the
State Lands Commission
Sacramento, California

APPEARANCES

Commissioners Present:
Kenneth Cory, State Controller, Chairman
Mervyn M. Dymally, Lieutenant Governor, left after introducing Betty Jo Smith as his alternate
Betty Jo Smith, Staff Counsel to the Lieutenant Governor, Member
bid McCausland, Deputy Director of Finance, alternate to Roy M. Bell, Director of Finance, Member

Staff Members in Attendance:
William F. Northrop, Executive Officer
Robert C. Hight, Staff Counsel
James F. Trout, Manager, Land Operations
F. D. Uzes, Supervising Boundary Determination Officer
W. M. Thompson, Manager, Long Beach Operations
Diane Jones, Secretary

Representing the Office of the Attorney General:
N. Gregory Taylor, Assistant Attorney General
Jan Stevens, Assistant Attorney General
Willard Shank, Assistant Attorney General
Katherine E. Stone, Deputy Attorney General
Allan Goodman, Deputy Attorney General

Executive Officer’s Report
Santa Catalina Fishing Reef - Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, 52th District.

Re Minute Item 15: Harbor Revenue Fund - City of Los Angeles
Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, 52th District
Gordon Hughes, representing Los Angeles Harbor Department
Raymond E. Corley, Jr., representing Los Angeles City Council
Thomas Shields, representing City of Los Angeles
Re Minute Item 16: Public Agency Permit - United States Navy
Assemblyman Daniel Boatwright, 10th District
Captain Joseph Paulis, U.S. Navy

Re Minute Item 35: Request for Approval of Expenditures of Tidelands Funds by Orange County
Alvin Wherlock, representing Boy Scouts of America, Sacramento Region
MINUTES OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION
MEETING OF
JANUARY 26, 1977

Chairman Kenneth Cory, State Controller, called the regular meeting of the State Lands Commission to order at 10:03 a.m., in Room 102, 1020 "N" Street, Sacramento. At this time Commissioner Mervyn M. Dymally, Lieutenant Governor, introduced Betty Jo Smith as his representative on the Commission during his absence. He noted she is the first woman to serve on the Commission since it was established. Also present was Sie McCausland, Deputy Director of Finance, representing Roy M. Bell, Director of Finance.

The Minutes of the meeting of December 15, 1976 were approved as written.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. William F. Northrop, Executive Officer, reported that the staff will present the final version of the proposed Coastal Regulations (Article 6.5) to the Commission at the next meeting. Mr. McCausland asked if it was necessary to move on the regulations since the new Coastal Commission had just been seated. He wondered if a joint meeting could be held between the two Commissions to discuss these proposed regulations. Mr. Northrop explained that the staff has attempted to overlay the Coastal Commission's regulations as enacted by the Legislature, and the State Lands Commission's regulations.

With regard to naming a fishing reef at the White's Cove, Santa Catalina Island, after Robert C. Butler, the Commission voiced no objection. However, questions were asked concerning how the names of dedicated sites were chosen. Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, 52nd District, appeared. Mr. Thomas encouraged the Commission to approve this dedication.

Mr. Northrop's written statement is attached as Exhibit "A".

Attachment: Exhibit "A"
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

BY
William F. Northrop
Executive Officer
January 26, 1977

STATE LAND BOUNDARY DETERMINATION

Preliminary investigations by staff -- in conjunction with the Commission's continuing responsibility in the location of county lines and State land boundaries -- indicate that it may be necessary to clarify the position of portions of the California State line. Staff is continuing to investigate the matter, in cooperation with representatives from the Attorney General's office, and plans to report its findings to the Commission in approximately two months.

CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH - GRANTED LANDS DRAINAGE

With the Commission's approval, staff entered into a contract with the City of Hermosa Beach. This contract authorized the staff to prepare a geological evaluation of lands granted to the City relative to the potential for drainage of oil and gas by wells drilled on adjacent lands.

The Division conducted evaluation studies of the Redondo Beach offshore field operations. These studies indicate, with reasonable assurance, that drainage has occurred by wells drilled and completed along the common boundary with said granted lands. Based on the current performance characteristics...

**Occidental Petroleum Corporation**

Occidental Petroleum Corporation has proposed to establish oil drilling districts in the Pacific Palisades area. Staff review of that proposal has indicated that the potential productive area could impact on a State oil and gas sanctuary.

On December 30, 1976, the Chairman wrote Mayor Bradley, calling the Mayor's attention to the fact that such impact could result in drainage of State-owned oil and gas resources. The Chairman further stated that this Commission does not wish to be forced into a program of its own to offset the drainage, and urged that Occidental be required to enter into formal agreements with the State as a precedent to any exploratory or production operations.

As a result of the correspondence with Mayor Bradley, representatives of Occidental have met with the Division's Extractive Development staff on January 19 and have agreed to cooperate with the Commission in any way required. A follow-up meeting has been set for early February, at which time Occidental has agreed to provide geologic data on the oil well in issue as well as to present a proposed form of compensation agreement.
GRAVITY DIFFERENTIAL

Staff is continuing to negotiate the gravity differential regarding Long Beach and State tidelands. There have been partial payments made under protest with indications that the majority will be made in the immediate future — also under protest. One contractor has indicated they will file a court action against the City of Long Beach with regard to payment of the gravity differential. Unless the Commission desires otherwise, the Attorney General will be involved in that suit and intervene in whichever manner is considered proper.

COASTAL REGULATIONS

The fourth and final hearing on the proposed coastal regulations was held on January 25. Written comments to the revised regulations will be accepted by staff until January 31. At the next meeting, staff will present the final version of the regulations to the Commission for adoption. Mr. Reine Corbell, representing Southern California Gas Company, would like to address the Commission at this time regarding the changes which have been made.
ITEM C1 of a proposed Public Agency Permit to Fish and Game for the placement of an artificial fishing reef at White's Cove off Santa Catalina Island,

A request has been made by Assemblyman Thomas to name the proposed reef for Mr. Robert C. Butler. Mr. Butler initiated the idea of removing unsightly scrap from the island and placing it on the ocean floor to create a fish habitat. Fish and Game has indicated that naming this reef for Mr. Butler is acceptable to them.

Bob Butler has been identified with Catalina Island and has worked for the Wrigley family on the island for 51 years. He is still a member of the Board of Directors of the Wrigley Company. Although retired, he still serves as Assistant to the President of the Santa Catalina Island Company, is a Director of the Memorial Garden Foundation on Catalina, and has been concerned with conservation on the island for many years.

It is in order to acknowledge Mr. Butler's contributions to the well-being of Catalina Island, as well as to recognize the important contribution to conservation which the fishing reef represents, that results in the suggested name as the "Bob Butler Fishing Reef". With your approval, the suggested dedication of the reef will be forwarded to Fish and Game for further implementation.
May 4, 1977

TO: RECIPIENTS OF STATE LANDS COMMISSION MINUTES

RE: CHANGE IN JANUARY 26, 1977 MINUTES

Please delete pages 4-10 (December Executive Officer's Report) in your January 26, 1977, copy of the State Lands Commission Minutes previously mailed to you and insert in their place the attached pages 4-7 (January Executive Officer's Report). The original pages 4-10 were inadvertently included in the January Minutes.

With this change, there will be a gap of 3 pages (9, 9, & 10).

DIANE JONES
Secretary

Attachments
STATE LANDS COMMISSION
AT ITS MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 1977

During the meeting, the recommendations of the staff relative to Calendar Items C1, C2, C3, C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10, C11, C12, C13, C14, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, and 37 were adopted as resolutions of the Commission by unanimous vote.

Commission action on Calendar Items 15, 16, 17, 19, 23 and 33 are set forth on pages 53, 59, 65, 73, 90 and 110.

Calendar Items C4 and 35 were withdrawn from the agenda.

Status of major litigation is set forth on page 126.