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MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Kenneth Cory, Controller, Chairman
Mr. Sid McCausland, representing Roy M. Bell
Ms. Betty Jo Smith, representing Mervyn M. Dymally

MEMBERS ABSENT

Hon. Mervyn M. Dymally, Lieutenant Governor
Hon. Roy M. Bell, Director of Finance

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. William F. Northrop, Executive Officer
Mr. R. S. Golden, Assistant Executive Officer
Mr. James Trout, Manager, Land Operations
Mr. Robert C. Hight, Staff Counsel
Ms. Diane Jones, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. N. Gregory Taylor, Deputy Attorney General
PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN CORY: Okay. Call the meeting to order. Everybody is here, and we're ready to go.

Confirmation of the previous minutes. Any corrections or additions?

Without objection, it will be approved as presented.

Report of the Executive Officer. Let's make it quick.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHRUP: Mr. Chairman and Members, on March 17th, 1977, you as District Judge William Gray issued a ruling which precluded the State from realizing the gravity differential adjustment allowed by FEA on lower tier oil and required the refund of monies already collected under protest.

We are advised by not only the Attorney General, but the Long Beach City Attorney, that the crude oil evaluation provisions of the Long Beach Unit are substantially the same as those of LBOD and Parcel "A". In light of the above decision and advice by counsel, we have decided not to continue attempts to press for collection of the gravity differential on the latter two contracts.

The Assembly Ways and Means Committee has recommended the State Lands Commission budget be augmented by $500,000 for the purpose of removing hazardous
obstructions from State's navigable waterways largely because of the good work we did in the area of the Sacramento River. They feel that because of the lower water situation, the time is right to remove many of these hazards that represent serious threats to the public safety. As landlord, the State Lands Commission has tort liability. The Staff is currently putting together an inventory of these hazards and attempting to rank them according to priority for removal. We will, therefore, be ready to proceed with an active program once these monies have been allocated.

This concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Any questions?

Okay. Report of the Assistant Executive Officer.

MR. GOLDEN: I will give a brief summary of April's actions of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the Coastal Commission affecting matters under State Lands' jurisdiction.

At the Bay Conservation and Development Commission meeting of April 21, consideration was given to a stipulated judgment entered against F. E. Crites, Inc., in favor of Bay Conservation Development Commission, Regional Water Quality Control Board and State Lands Commission.

The suit was entered into by our Commission because of illegal sand dredging on State-owned lands. The
judgment was in the amount of a half a million dollars or such other arrangements as the three parties should agree upon. It was recognized that the monetary sum, if imposed, would probably institute a bankruptcy action; but if an alternative could be found which would allow Mr. Crites to continue in business legitimately, all parties concerned might benefit.

Part of the proposal would be the conveyance of 89 acres of marsh to the State Lands Commission, which it is proposed would be turned over to the Department of Fish and Game for management. During the hearing it became apparent that the Crites interests were not satisfied with the negotiated settlement, and therefore, attempted to have the Bay Conservation Commission make concessions. This effort was firmly rejected.

The State Coastal Commission approved the maps delineating the jurisdiction of each of the port areas set forth in the Coastal Act. At our request, in so doing they made the approval dependent upon our review and concurrence. In this way, later conflict would be averted; and at the April 20th meeting of the Coastal Commission, the application of the port San Luis District to upgrade the harbor by providing 410 boat slips, 500 more in-shore facilities, floating fuel dock, pumpout station was considered. Landfill of seven acres was also involved.
This application was rejected overwhelmingly on the basis that it was growth-inducing and that it might interfere with the development of the local coastal program. The Commission members were sympathetic to a smaller-scale project, but the project sponsors pointed out that a smaller project would not be able to be financed. They were depending upon a Department of Navigation and Ocean Development loan to be matched by the Corps of Engineers on a 45 to 55 ratio.

That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CORY: We have a report here from the Executive Office signed by you, dated the 27th on the Wildlife Conservation Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTROP: Yes. This is in response to Mr. McCausland's request at the last meeting, and we submitted it in writing rather than giving it in a report form.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Is that sufficient?

MR. McCausland: I found it adequate, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Next we have the Consent Calendar. Is there anyone in the audience who would like to address the Commission? Do you have any problems with any of the items on the Consent Calendar which are designated with the letter C through 30?

Okay. There is one item the Chairman would like
not to participate in the decision on, which is --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: C4, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CORY: C4. This is item "Bay Cities Refuse Service". I'm not sure who that is. It's just that I may have business relations with the individual.

Other than that, are there any other items?

Okay. I guess we have a motion for all items excluding 4. Those will be approved without objection as presented.

Item C4, what is your wish?

MR. McCausland: I'll move adoption.

MS. SMITH: I will abstain.

MR. McCausland: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to suggest we put Item C4 over for another month or two --

CHAIRMAN CORY: Okay. We'll put it over.

MR. McCausland: It may be that we won't be able to allow you to waive your --

CHAIRMAN CORY: That may be where we are.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: The Staff notes that C4 is over.

CHAIRMAN CORY: C4 is over.

MR. McCausland: I have requested that Item 31 be dealt with separately because I wanted to make certain we could ascertain that the provisions of the State Contract Act have been met prior to the extension of --
EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: Mr. McCausland, the Staff advises that the original contract -- Bob, you'd like to address that.

MR. HIGH: The original contract, Mr. McCausland, provided for a one-year extension. That has been reviewed by the Department of General Services, their Contracting Office, and met with their approval.

MR. MCCausLAND: Okay. I'll move adoption.

MS. SMITH: Second.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Moved and seconded. Is there anybody in the audience on Item C -- Item 31 of the amended calendar, the contract with Condor Helicopters?

Approved as presented.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: Mr. Chairman, Item Number 32 is a report to the Commission on negotiations between the Staff, the City of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles Harbor Department. We are continuing negotiations and will probably have them concluded prior to next month's meeting.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Any questions by members?

33, authorizing the Executive Officer to conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed oil and gas lease in the bed of the Sacramento River, Sacramento and Yolo Counties.
Is there anybody in the audience on Item 33?
Any questions from the members of the Commission?
Without objection, Item 33 will be approved as presented.

Item 34, Negative Declaration for exchange of lands between Erickson Lumber Company and the State Lands Commission, AKA De La Cruz Exchange. Is there anybody in the audience on Item 34?
Any questions from members?
Without objection, we'll approve the Negative Declaration as presented.

Item 35. This is a request to delegate to the Executive Officer authorization to issue temporary permits. These are specified conditions because of the --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: Drought.

CHAIRMAN CORY: -- drought conditions. I think we need emergency pipelines and those kinds of things.
Mr. Northrop is in the water selling business, I think.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN CORY: Is there anybody who has any questions on Item 35 in the audience?

MR. McCUSAULAND: I have a lot of questions.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Anything you want to discuss?

(Laughter.)

MS. SMITH: No.
CHAIRMAN CORY: Without objection, 35 will be approved as presented.

Item 36. This is an Indemnity Selection.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN CORY: And you want us to refuse this Indemnity Selection?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: Yes, sir. The Federal Government, in making this exchange, has requested that they retain mineral rights on their parcel and we transmit mineral rights to them on our parcel. We don't think that's an equitable trade.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Some governments is more equal than others.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN CORY: As I remember the book. No, we don't want to do that, do we?

MR. McCausland: Whatever you don't want to do.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN CORY: Don't want to live with that on this item.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN CORY: Item 36, we will refuse to accept -- refuse the acceptance?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: Recommend refusal.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Okay. Are we recommending to whom,
or are we taking action?

MR. HIGHT: They are, they are --

CHAIRMAN CORY: We are refusing.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: We are refusing.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Without objection, we are refusing to accept and cancel.

Item 37 is a public permit for Fish and Game.

Any questions from the members of the Commission?

Anybody in the audience on Item 37?

Without objection, 37 will be approved as presented.

Item 38, City of Seal Beach wants to have a bicycle recreation area in the San Diego area.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: Yes, we have about three lots there, a 12-foot strip on about three lots.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Anybody in the audience on Item 38?

Without objection, approved as presented.

Item 39 is a Commercial Lease, $800 per annum Royalty on -- on the dredging?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: It's setting up maintenance and construction for two boat docks and a breakwater.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Okay. Is there anybody in the audience on Item 39?

Any questions from our Commissioners?

MS. SMITH: No.
CHAIRMAN CORY: Without objection, it will be approved as presented.

Item 40, California Blue Valley, Inc., Trustee for a temporary water --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: Yes. It's a four months extension until they get their firewater well straightened out.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Any questions from the members? Anybody in the audience on Item 40?

Without objection, it is approved as presented.

Item 41, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas and Electric, extension of an industrial lease.

Is there anybody in the audience on this item? Commissioners?

MR. McCausland: No problem.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Without objection, it will be approved as presented.

Item 42, proposed drilling of a new well, geothermal field for Union Oil, Magma, Thermal.

Is there anybody in the audience on Item 42? Questions?

Without objection --

MR. McCausland: I was going to ask them to explain a few little things, but I think I can do that at the briefing session.
CHAIRMAN CORY: Would somebody be sure to explain those to all the Commissioners so we can know what they are? It looked to me like one of those games my kid plays, the submarine.

MR. McCAUSLAND: Right. Battleships.

CHAIRMAN CORY: That's it. Battleships.

Okay. Now, we get to the meat of the matter. We're going to confirm the Executive Officer's actions.

Is that all of them?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: No, this is --

CHAIRMAN CORY: I guess we shouldn't discuss those things. Your wife is here, I notice today.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN CORY: This is relating to an indemnification agreement with World Oil.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: Yes, regarding sell-off.

CHAIRMAN CORY: A sell-off in which the President interfered and didn't let it take place.

Are there any questions from Commissioners?

MR. McCAUSLAND: No.

MS. SMITH: No.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Anybody in the audience on Item 43?

Without objection, confirmation is granted.

Item 44, Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and
Conservation District dredging permit, 15 cents per yard and they're going to be placing them on private lands.

Anybody in the audience on Item 44?

Questions from members of the Commission?

Without objection, it's approved as presented.

Item 45, City and County of San Francisco want to have a recall election -- no, no.

(Laughter.)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: Soil test core holes for an ocean outfall.

CHAIRMAN CORY: For an ocean outfall. Is there anybody in the audience on Item 45?

Commissioners?

Without objection, it will be approved as presented.

Item 46. We have the Long Beach Eighth Modification of the Plan of Development and Budget for --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: One water injection well, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Any questions from members?

Anybody in the audience?

Without objection, Item 46 will be approved as presented.

Item 47 is a $77,087,000 proposed budget for the Long Beach field.

Is there anybody in the audience who wishes to
address the Commission on Item 47?

    Any questions from Commissioners, or do you want a dog and pony show? Do you want to approve it?

    MR. McCausland: I read the dog and pony show. I think maybe we ought to just approve it.

    Chairman Cory: Okay. I'm ready. Without objection, Item 47 will be approved as presented.

    Item 48, City of Eureka for proposed annexation of some water.

    This in no way relates to the litigation.

    Executive officer Northrop: No, it does not relate to the litigation.

    Chairman Cory: Anybody in the audience on Item 48? Commissioners?

    MR. McCausland: No objection.

    Chairman Cory: Without objection, 48 will be approved as presented.

    Item 49. This is determination that the City of Stockton has complied with their grant.

    Is there anybody in the audience who has any questions on Item 49?

    Commissioners?

    Without objection, 49 will be approved as presented.

    Item 50. This is to authorize the staff to pursue negotiations with the Mexico City Restaurants to lease the
Commission's parcel which used to be known as the Airport Club.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: Right.

MR. McCAUSLAND: Is it true that the Executive Officer has an interest in that? He didn't explain that to me.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN CORY: Are there other people that want to negotiate?

We have three that were contacted. Jim, do you want to explain that whole program?

MR. TROUT: We have three proposals for the property, one for a Mexican restaurant and some ancillary buildings, little shops and things; and two proposals for a sports complex, tennis courts, handball, racketball kind of things. The restaurant-shop complex would provide the highest economic return and received the enthusiastic support of the City of Seal Beach.

MR. McCAUSLAND: I haven't gotten an answer to my question. Does the Executive Officer have an interest?

CHAIRMAN CORY: Yes. What is your interest in Mexico?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: They make great enchiladas.

CHAIRMAN CORY: You are a patron. You pay full
cash price.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: Full cash price.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Do you tip?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: Not as much --

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN CORY: Okay. Nobody in the audience on this item?

Without objection, then, authorization is granted; but you will not enter into the lease until --

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: The lease will come back to the Commission.

CHAIRMAN CORY: You're going to share the guilt all the way around.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: All the way.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Item 51. This is to authorize the staff of the State Lands and the Attorney General's Office to intervene in Sierra Club v. Zanone for public rights of access between Cape Mendocino and Muscle Rock in Humboldt County.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: The suit is settled and they have requested the State Lands to give them assistance in designating access ways to the beach as a result of this suit. The suit is completed.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Anybody in the audience on Item 51? Sid?
MR. McCausland: No objections.

MS. Smith: No objection.

Chairman Cory: Without objection, authorization is granted.

Item 52, approve the proposed Second Supplemental Decree concerning the U.S. v. California. This is the property we were getting back.

Executive Officer Northrop: Mr. Chairman, because of harbor works and the like, the Federal Government had some of California's land, and they are now returning it.

Chairman Cory: That's nice of them. See what a new administration can do?

(Laughter.)

Chairman Cory: Any questions from anybody in the audience?

Without objection, Item 52 will be approved as presented.

Item 53 is off calendar. The people seem to want to maybe negotiate.

Item 54, a retrocession of jurisdiction. This is authorization for public hearings.

Is there anybody in the audience on Item 54?

Without objection, public hearing authorization is granted.

Item 55, the amendment of an interagency agreement.
with the Department of Justice to add $60,000 to an existing contract.

MR. TAYLOR: We made a bunch of consulting contracts which we could expedite faster than you could. That's part of the reason. The other part is increased --

MR. McCausland: You expedited it, but it's a 60 percent markup. That's quite a change.

MR. TAYLOR: Well, it cost on those, and we have had extra time as a result of a couple of our Long Beach problems. I think you're aware of what the Long Beach problems are.

CHAIRMAN CORY: I don't know anything about Long Beach.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN CORY: All right, is there any --

MR. McCausland: I just want you to read:

"It is recommended that the Commission authorize the amendment of an interagency agreement with the Department of Justice to provide for the services of the Attorney General's Office for the Long Beach and Alamitos Bay operations at a cost not to exceed $160,000 for the 1976-'77 fiscal year; this addition
is requested due to greater than anticipated legal services and the need for consultant services not anticipated at the time of the execution of the original contract."

I bet you we are going to have one of these a month.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Until we turn them down.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN CORY: It's called balancing the A.G.'s budget.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN CORY: As long as we're discussing that, I'm not too happy with the way you guys are handling a case I've got pending this Friday. If we withhold this money, can I get better leverage to get conformance out of you?

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN CORY: Shall we approve it?

MR. TAYLOR: I'll be happy to speak to whoever is handling the case.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN CORY: Without objection, the Director of Finance's representative will stay out of this one. He's letting you know that he's --

Item 55, the amendment is approved as presented
without objection.

Item 56, drilling of a new well by Union Oil.

This is geothermal; is that correct?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NORTHROP: Right. This is the
one that the senator wanted to discuss.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Is there anybody in the audience
on Item 56?

We really should have asked the taxpayers out
there if they had anything to say about Item 55.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN CORY: Without objection, Item 56 will
be approved as presented.

MR. TAYLOR: If it's any comfort to the Commission,
Mr. Northrop made a deal with me for part of the results of
this.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN CORY: Status of major litigation.

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, I believe we could
cover that in the Executive Session that follows.

CHAIRMAN CORY: Okay. Item 57, authorize a
boundary line agreement with Jack W. Ruby in the City of
San Jose.

Questions? Anybody in the audience?

Without objection, authorization is granted as
presented.
Confirmation of the time and date and place of the next Commission meeting. It will be Thursday, May 26, in Sacramento at 10:00 a.m.

We will adjourn to Executive Session and we would ask that those of you who are here who are not members of the Staff who are immediately concerned with the legal issues before us, would you please absent yourselves from the room so we can discuss litigation that is pending pursuant to the Brown Act.

(Thereupon the meeting of the State Lands Commission was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.)

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State of California
County of Sacramento

I, WENDY E. SCHILLER, a Notary Public in and for the County of Sacramento, State of California, duly appointed and commissioned to administer oaths, do hereby certify:

That I am a disinterested person herein; that the foregoing State Lands Commission Meeting was reported in shorthand by me, Wendy E. Schiller, a Shorthand Reporter of the State of California, and thereafter transcribed into typewriting.

I further certify that I am not of counsel or attorney for any of the parties to said meeting, nor in any way interested in the outcome of said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this ___ day of M., 1977.

WENDY E. SCHILLER
Notary Public in and for the County of Sacramento, State of California