& GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION ting: June 17, 1983



OFFICE OF

Gil and Cas Conservation Commission

STATE OF ARIZONA

1645 WEST JEFFERSON, SUITE 420 PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007 PHONE: (602) 255-5161

AGENDA

Meeting June 17, 1983 1645 West Jefferson, Room 420 Phoenix, Arizona

10:00 a.m.

Call to order

- 1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 21, 1983
- 2. Report of Executive Director
- 3. Report of Enforcement Section
- 4. Old Business
- 5. New Business
- 6. Adjourn

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THIS OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



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TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will be held at 10:00 a.m. on June 17, 1983 at the Commission offices at 1645 West Jefferson Street, Suite 420, Phoenix, Arizona.

Notice is hereby also given pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02.B. that in the course of the regular meeting, the Commission may go into Executive Session for advice from legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.3.

Dated this sixth day of June 1983.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ву A. K. Doss

Executive Director



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ACTIVITY REPORT

June 6, 1983

A. K. Doss Executive Director

LEGISLATIVE

The Legislative Session ended without any bills being introduced that impacted the Commission.

BUDGET

We will have \$6400.00 approximately left over in our '82-28183 lump-sum appropriation. We are going to replace our reproduction machine which breaks down frequently and catches on fire weekly. We are also looking into the costs of printing our own Rules and Regulations for sale to the public.

\$100,800 (Includes 5%

cost of living effective 1/1/84)

Our '83 - '84 budget again is a lump-sum appropriation of \$136,200. This is broken down as follows:

2.	ERE ((employee related expense)	19,700
3.	Professional & Outside services	400
4.	Travel in state	7,700
5.	Other operating	7,600
	Total	\$136,200

1. Personal Services 4 FTE's

This is \$3400 less than our present operating budget and \$8800 less than what we started out with on 7/1/82 since we have been cut twice this year.

No money was appropriated for merit increases.

Activity Report Executive Director June 6, 1983 Page 2

FIELD ACTIVITY

The well that has attracted the most attention in Arizona and around the Nation is the Dowling #1A State located eight miles south of Yuma. It was drilled to a total depth of 5006'. Casing (4½") was run to a depth of 5002't. They lost their first hole (#1) after drilling to 2925' by sticking their drilling collars at approximately 600'. Dowling then skidded the rig 25' east to drill the #1-A, and began encountering oil and gas shows at 1300' whereas the #1 25' away had no shows.

Dowling has filed application to drill another well in the Yuma area, about 22 miles northeast of the present well site.

Bill Brooks of Brooks Exploration in Denver is going to drill two more wildcats in the strip country. One will be just west of his first hole and the second will be several miles north.

Bob Walker, geologist and independent operator, from Abilene is to drill south of Tombstone on a farm-out from Phillips Petroleum. It will be 4000' - 4500' test.

Resource Operators of Denver plans to drill a follow=up well this summer near the well they recently abandoned eight miles north of Show Low. They reportedly had a fairly strong gas show in the Cambrian sand in their first well.

Kerr-McGee is supposed to drill seven more in-fill development wells in the Dineh-bi-Keyah field this summer. These wells will be drilled on 40-acre spacing and will have to be issued new permits. Seven wells have been drilled so far this year for oil and gas exploration.

Beverly Grimes who took Stacey's place resigned to go back to the U. S. Postal Service, and she has been replaced by Betty Anderson who has come over to usefrommthe Personnel PDivision.

The announcement of this meeting was held off as long as possible in hopes that Dowling Petroleum would complete its Yuma well as Arizona's first producer off the Reservation, and we could hold our meeting in Yuma and make a side trip to the well site. However, in talking to Paul Dowling on June 3, 1983, he said it would probably be another two or three weeks before they get a completion rig on the hole.



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ACTIVITY REPORT

June 7, 1983

R. A. Ybarra Enforcement Director

During this report four wells were drilled: Resource Operating, Inc., Well No. 1 Federal in Navajo County, Sumatra Energy Well No. 1-17 Santa Fe, in Apache County, Dowling Petroleum, Inc., Well No. 1A State in Yuma County, and Sanchez-O'Brien Oil and Gas Corporation Well No. 1-4 Federal in Gila County.

The Resource Operating, Inc., well, located in Sec. 29-T.11N.-R.22E., was drilled to 4155' after 9 5/8", 45 lb., J-55 casing was set and cemented at 856' with sufficient cement to return to the surface. A 30-foot section was cored from 1646' and the hole logged before plugging with cement 1400'-1300'+, 900'-800'+, and 68'-18'. Good gas shows were encountered at about 4020' but the operator decided not to test because of the current moratorium by EPNG on new gas. A small interval above the cored section was going to be tested with a straddle tool (packer) but because of badly washed-out hole conditions they decided against it.

The Sumatra Well in Sec. 17-T.12N.-R.26E. was spudded on February 25. Surface casing (8.5/8", 241b., J-55) was set and cemented at 810' with sufficient cement to return to the surface. Total depth reached was 4143'. The well had dead oil shows in the Coconino and two small gas shows in the Naco Fm. After logging the hole was plugged with cement 3920'-3750+, 3450'-3280+, 2570'-2400'+, and 1350'-1015'. Upon request to OGCC this well was turned over to the landowner to be converted to a water well.

The Dowling well, located in Sec. 34-T.10S.-R.23W., was drilled to a total depth of 5006'. Surface casing (9 5/8", 24lb., J-55) was set and cemented at 932' with 754 sacks of cement, 50 sacks of which were circulated to the surface. Numerous oil and gas shows have been reported by various sources. The operator set and cemented 4 1/2", 10.5 lb., J-55 production casing at 4,977', where it is standing cemented and awaiting production testing.

Sanchez-O'Brien started drilling on March 17 and on March 23 set and cemented 8.5/8", 24.1b., J-55 casing at 495' with 400 sacks of cement plus 4% gel and 3% calcium chloride. The operator encountered strong flows of fresh water at

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ACTIVITY REPORT
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1500' and 1905' as well as two hard-drilling diabase sills, one at 2050'-2305' and the other at 2380'-3278'. The total depth reached was 3494'. The well was logged and then plugged with cement as follows: 1900'-1730', 1500'-1365', 550'-450', and 50' surface. No oil or gas shows were reported.

We have approved a second application to drill for Dowling in Sec. 16-T.8S.-R.2OW. This well is targeted for 5000' and will be drilled approximately 23 miles northeast from the first well north of the Algodones Fault in the Fortuna Basin. Dowling has filed a blanket bond for multiple-well drilling usage.

Brooks Exploration has filed applications to drill two 2500' wells in the Arizona Strip. We will approve these applications when we receive the drilling bonds.

Other planned drilling activity: Resources Operating, Inc., in the Show Low area, J. M. Shields in the Fredonia area, Bob Walker from Abeline in the Tombstone area, and a Mr. Laurence from Louisiana in the Arizona Strip.

On May 5 and 6, I attended the Imperial County Geothermal Conference in El Centro. Numerous papers were presented by City, State and Federal officials as well as the private sector. The field trip was a visit to Magma's 10 MWe Plant in the East Mesa Field.

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OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1645 West Jefferson Street Suite 420 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

> Minutes of Meeting January 21, 1983

Present:

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Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman

Dr. J. Dale Nations, Vice-Chairman

Mr. L. A. Palmer, Member

Mr. Forrest R. Rickard, Member

Mr. Watson M. Tomerlin, Member

The regular Commission meeting of January 21, 1983 was called to order by Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Palmer moved that the minutes of the November 19, 1982 meeting be approved as written. Motion was seconded by Mr. Tomerlin. Motion carried.

Mr. Doss, Executive Director, presented his Activity Report. He advised that Phillips Petroleum was making application for competitive geothermal leases on state land. Gary Chadburn, project geologist, said he has budget approval for \$500,000 for geothermal exploration in Arizona for Phillips. Mr. Doss reported that 1983 could be a better year for drilling than 1981. The number of different oil companies drilling should increase considerably in 1983 also. Kerr-McGee plans to drill seven development wells in the Dinah-bi-Keyah area. At the request of Mr. Bilby regarding the status of the Wittman location, Mr. Doss reported that this well was plugged and abandoned. They quit drilling as there was nothing else to test. A total depth of 4520' was reached. Leases are being retained in this area, and there is hope that drilling will be resumed at a later date. Phillips is retaining 277,000 acres in Arizona. Mr. Tomerlin inquired about drilling in the Show Low area. Mr. Doss advised that Sumatra is going to drill a well hear Concho very soon.

Mr. Ybarra, Enforcement Director, reviewed his Activity Report. He attended the Annual Water Well Association Convention on January 20 in Phoenix, and was informed that Gary Drilling planned to drill their second well in Coconino County. He has been updating our state map, and this project is now complete. He advised that two wells will be drilled, one by Resources

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Operating, Inc. and one by Sumatra for a 4,000' depth sometime this month.

Mr. Bilby inquired about the drilling by Phillips Petroleum. Mr. Doss advised that they are not drilling at present, but plan to drill one more well in the state, but a date and location have not been set.

Dale Nations said that we are to have an introductory presentation explaining the various phases of drilling a well at one of the Commission meetings to acquaint the members with this process.

Mr. Doss advised that the Executive Budget Office and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee have taken away \$5400 from our present operating budget. This leaves us a total of \$139,600. For the proposed budget for next year, we are to be appropriated only \$130,500. Our state travel allocation has been retained due to the increase in the drilling activity which is contemplated.

Mr. Palmer inquired if there were any plans of the Legislature concerning this Commission in this present session. Mr. Doss advised he was not aware of any, but agreed to keep the members informed of any proposals which may take place.

Mr. Ybarra reported on the recent trip to the Roosevelt Lake area of Mr. Doss, John Karabees, and a consulting geologist and a consulting engineer, and himself to view the proposed locations of Sanchez-O'Brien. This is on the north shore, and drilling is planned in the near future. Mr. Doss pointed out that Sanchez-O'Brien has oil and gas leases under the lake as well as around the perimeter of the lake. In 1913 there had been drilling in this area, and supposedly, one of the wellshad a lot of free oil. The consulting geologist reported seeping oil in this area that was so viscous it could be used for roofing material.

Mr. Bilby inquired about drilling in Chino Valley. Mr. Doss said that the drilling was being done by Exxon for porphyry copper in the southeast portion of Chino Valley.

Mr. Tomerlin inquired if there were any restrictions on a Commission member serving on another committee in state service if he was requested to do so. Mr. Doss advised there were no restrictions regarding this, but that all appointments to Boards and Commissions must be confirmed by the Senate.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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