

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
December 7, 2017
Porter Hall
Wendell Chino Building
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David R. Catanach	Chair, Oil Conservation Division
Robert Balch	Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Ed Martin	Designee, State Land Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bill Brancard, Counsel for the Commission

The meeting was called to order by Chair Catanach at 9:20 a.m.

Item 1. Roll Call.

Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

Item 2. Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Balch moved adoption of the agenda. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Approval of minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting.

Commissioner Martin moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Balch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. Final action may be taken in Case 15654: De Novo Application of Mesquite SWD, Inc. to Amend Approvals for Salt Water Disposal Wells in Lea and Eddy Counties.

Action: Chair Catanach stated that this case was heard and deliberations were held at the November 9, 2017 Commission meeting, and the Commission unanimously agreed to approve the application. A draft order was reviewed by the Commission. Subsequent to the hearing, one of the wells was moved to a new location and has been dropped from consideration in this order. Commissioner Balch moved to adopt the revised order. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and Order No. R-14392-A was signed by all Commissioners.

Item 5. Case No. 15655 (De Novo): Application of Black Mountain Operating LLC for a Non-Standard Oil Spacing and Proration Unit, Compulsory Pooling, and an Unorthodox Well Location.

Action: At the request of the applicant, this case was continued to the January 18, 2018 Commission Meeting.

Item 6. **Case No. 15659 (De Novo): Application of GMT Exploration Company LLC for a Non-Standard Oil Spacing and Proration Unit and Compulsory Pooling.**

Action: At the request of the applicant, this case was continued to the January 18, 2018 Commission Meeting.

Item 7. **Case No. 15656 (De Novo): Application of Black Mountain Operating LLC for a Non-Standard Oil Spacing and Proration Unit, Compulsory Pooling, and an Unorthodox Well Location.**

Action: At the request of the applicant, this case was continued to the January 18, 2018 Commission Meeting.

Item 8. **Case No. 15660 (De Novo): Application of GMT Exploration Company LLC for a Non-Standard Oil Spacing and Proration Unit and Compulsory Pooling.**

Action: At the request of the applicant, this case was continued to the January 18, 2018 Commission Meeting.

Item 9: **Other Business**

Action: To honor Chair Catanach's retirement at the end of the year, Deputy Director Allison Marks asked for public comments. Jennifer Bradfute from the Modrall-Sperling Law Firm and representatives from the Santa Fe Office, OCD Districts I, II, and III, the Office of the Secretary, and the State Land Office shared stories and memories and wished Chair Catanach well in his future endeavors.

Item 10. **Next meeting: January 18, 2018**

Item 11. **Adjournment.**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Heather Riley, Chair

