

38. (Commercial Lease Application, Vacant School Land, E.D. Friend, W.O. 385, P.R.C. 386) The Commission was informed that E. D. Friend has applied for a commercial lease of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, T. 15 N., R. 11 E., S.B.M., San Bernardino County, consisting of 40 acres. The land was appraised by the staff at a maximum of \$5.00 per acre and rental at 6% of the appraised value being less than the policy minimum, the minimum of \$50.00 per year will apply. Mr. Friend desires to build a service station on the land.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to execute a lease to E.D. Friend for service station use, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, T. 15 N., R. 11 E., S.B.M., San Bernardino County, consisting of 40 acres, for a period of fifteen years with the first and last years' rental to be paid at time of issuance at an annual rental of \$50.00. The lessee to have an option of a renewal for an additional ten years at such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the State at time of renewal.

39. (Resolution to State Park Commission - Salton Sea Area - W.O. 327) The Commission was informed that for the benefit of the State Park Commission there was withdrawn by Public Law 839, 74th Congress, approved June 29, 1936, from entry any portion of the public lands not reserved for public purposes in Townships 9, 10 and 11 South, Ranges 9, 10, 11 East, S.B.B. and M., in Imperial County between the present easterly boundary of Anza Desert State Park and the Salton Sea. It is not now intended to extend the State Park eastward to include any of the withdrawn area. An application has been filed with the State Lands Commission through exchange, to purchase several sections in this area, chiefly between U.S. highway 99 and the Salton Sea. Restoration of these desired lands to the open list is necessary before the State Lands Commission can make indemnity selection in anticipation of sale.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing a request to the State Park Commission that they withdraw their filing on public lands under Public Law 839, 74th Congress, approved June 29, 1936, as a preliminary to restoration of the lands to the open list, such lands being in T. 9 S., R. 9 E.; T. 9 S., R. 10 E.; T. 10 S., R. 9 E.; T. 10 S., R. 10 E.; T. 10 S., R. 11 E.; T. 11 S., R. 9 E.; T. 11 S., R. 10 E.; T. 11 S., R. 11 E., S.B.B. and M., Imperial County. The State Park Commission have heretofore indicated they are agreeable to the withdrawal of their filing for the benefit of the State Lands Commission.

40. (Cancellation of War Department Use Permit P.R.C. 117) The Commission was informed that on January 27, 1944, authorization was given to the Executive Officer to issue at an annual consideration of \$1.00 a Use Permit to the War Department for special army maneuvers on 1,280 acres of school land in Section 36, T. 9 N., R. 16 E., and Section 16, T. 8 N., R. 16 E., S.B.M., in San Bernardino County. This permit was issued effective April 15, 1943 and ending six months after the date of termination of hostility.

Release of this land by the War Department has now been received with the request that the Commission execute it. The War Department advises that the area has been dedudded.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the acceptance of the release which provides that the United States shall be released from all claims of rental and any other claims arising out of use or occupancy of Section 16, T. 8 N., R. 16 E., and Section 36, T. 9 N., R. 16 E., S.B.M., with the understanding that the United States shall have the responsibility of removing reported duds or other explosive materials that may be discovered in the future from State lands, and assume responsibility for any damages which may arise as a result of incomplete dedudding.