

52. (Request for authorization to execute certificate to accompany to the Governor's office Grant Deed to the Federal Government covering State lands offered to the Federal Government in exchange for Federal Government lands - Roland H. Wiley - Sac. W.O. 137) The Commission was informed that on February 25, 1949, authorization was given to select, in behalf of Roland H. Wiley of Las Vegas, Nevada, some 6440 acres of Federal Government land (Item 39, page 932 of the Minutes), and on April 27, 1949, authorization was given to select, in behalf of Roland H. Wiley an additional 3074.50 acres of Federal Government land (Item 21, page 954 of the Minutes), all of the Government lands being in Townships 21 and 22 North, Ranges 10 and 11 East, San Bernardino Meridian.

When the exchange application was made a small parcel of land containing 49.55 acres, being all of fractional Section 25, T. 22 N., R. 10 E., S.B.M., was omitted and on June 22, 1949, the application was amended to include said fractional Section 25,

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted confirming the selection of this additional 49.55 acres which is contiguous to the lands previously selected.

The Commission was further informed that on September 20, 1949, the Bureau of Land Management at Washington, D. C. advised that "The above described application has been received and the selected land appears available for exchange. ***** An examination of our records shows that there are no springs, hot or medicinal springs, or water holes of public value on the selected lands and that it has been determined that the values of the selected and offered lands are approximately equal for the purpose of this exchange. There are no outstanding contests or protests of record. The requirements of the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 147 have been met and publication of this exchange is therefore authorized pursuant to departmental order 2325 of May 24, 1947 (12 FR 3566)".

In accordance with instructions from the Bureau of Land Management, the notice of the exchange application, describing both the Government lands and the State lands, was published for four consecutive weeks, that is October 7-14-21 and 28, 1949, in the Inyo Independent published at Independence, Inyo County, California.

Before the Government land desired by Mr. Wiley will be patented to the State it is necessary for the State to convey to the Federal Government, by Grant Deed, the 9573.11 acres of State lands in Death Valley National Monument offered in exchange.

Section 6444 of the Public Resources Code provides: "Whenever in the judgment of the Commission it is to the advantage of the State to exchange any of its public lands, as provided in Sections 6441, 6442, and 6443 (now 8551 and 8552), the Commission shall so certify to the Governor, who shall thereupon execute, on behalf of the State, any instruments of conveyance necessary to effect the exchange."

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted that "The State Lands Commission hereby certifies that it is to the advantage of the State to exchange the 9573.11 acres of State lands in Death Valley National Monument offered to the United States for Government lands of equal area and value, and that the Executive Officer is authorized to execute on behalf of the State Lands Commission a certificate provided for in Section 6444 of the Public Resources Code, certifying to the Governor that in the judgment of the Commission it is to the advantage of the State to exchange the State lands in Death Valley National Monument offered to the Federal Government for Government lands of approximately equal

area and value in Townships 21 and 22 North, Ranges 10 and 11 East, San Bernardino Meridian.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.