

15. (WITHDRAWAL FROM SALE, SCHOOL LANDS ADJACENT TO OWENS LAKE AND MONO LAKE, INYO AND MONO COUNTIES - GEN. DATA, OWENS LAKE, AND W.O. 153.)

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWAL FROM SALE OF SCHOOL LANDS IN:

$E\frac{1}{2}$  OF  $N\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  OF  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  AND  $E\frac{1}{2}$  OF  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 16, T. 2 N., R. 26 E., M.D.M., MONO COUNTY, CONTAINING 360.00 ACRES;

$N\frac{1}{2}$  OF SECTION 36, T. 3 N., R. 26 E., M.D.M., MONO COUNTY, CONTAINING 320.00 ACRES;

ALL OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 19, T. 17 S., R. 37 E., M.D.M., INYO COUNTY, CONTAINING 15.45 ACRES;

LOT 1 (FRACTIONAL  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  OF  $NW\frac{1}{4}$ ) AND FRACTIONAL  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  OF  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 30, T. 17 S., R. 37 E., M.D.M., INYO COUNTY, CONTAINING 51.00 ACRES;

FRACTIONAL  $W\frac{1}{2}$  OF  $E\frac{1}{2}$  OF SECTION 7, T. 18 S., R. 37 E., M.D.M., INYO COUNTY, CONTAINING 76.00 ACRES;

PENDING ULTIMATE CONCLUSION OF THE OWENS LAKE LITIGATION BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

From time to time, and again on November 29, 1951, the Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles has made informal application to purchase State school lands adjacent to Mono Lake and Owens Lake. The application contemplates that the land would be sold to the City of Los Angeles without advertising for competitive bids. These lands are possible plant sites for extraction of chemicals from the waters of Owens and Mono Lakes, and, in fact, the land in Section 30, T. 17 S., R. 37 E., M.D.M., is presently leased for grazing purposes. The whole purpose of the acquisition by the Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles is to reduce possible liability for the possible further flooding of Owens Lake or for the further recession of the water level in Mono Lake due to diversion to the Los Angeles Aqueduct of streams that empty into Mono Lake. This matter has been discussed with the Attorney General's Office, and they concur in the withdrawal of this land from sale pending ultimate conclusion of the litigation. Land such as this, when acquired by the City of Los Angeles, would not be taxable under present State law by the respective county.

16. (SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL, CONTRACT NO. LC 21, \$15,000 - DEFENSE OF TIDELANDS - W.O. 721.)

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SUPPLEMENTING AGREEMENT NO. LC 21, DATED JULY 1, 1951, AND PROVIDING THAT THE ALLOTMENTS SET FORTH IN SAID AGREEMENT BE INCREASED BY AN AMOUNT OF \$15,000.

The Attorney General has advised by letter dated December 13, 1951, that encumbrances placed against Contract No. LC 21, Defense of the State's Interest in its Tide and Submerged Lands, have exceeded the allotments of \$25,000 established in that contract by an amount of \$2,120. The item which resulted in this over-encumbrance was a payment of \$7,420, being one-half of the amount awarded by Order of the Supreme Court of November 26, 1951, for expenses and services of the