

MINUTE ITEM

32. SELECTION AND SALE OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND, LIEU LAND APPLICATION NO. 11444, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT; PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY - S.W.O. 7237.

After consideration of Calendar Item 21 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINES THAT IT IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE TO SELECT THE FEDERAL LAND EMBRACED IN THE  $S\frac{1}{2}$  OF  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  OF  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  OF  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ , THE  $S\frac{1}{2}$  OF  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  OF  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ , AND THE  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  OF  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 8, T. 7 N., R. 24 E., S.B.M., CONTAINING 65 ACRES IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, AS SHOWN ON OFFICIAL UNITED STATES PLAT OF SURVEY APPROVED DECEMBER 18, 1884;
2. FINDS THAT SAID LAND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CULTIVATION WITHOUT ARTIFICIAL IRRIGATION;
3. APPROVES THE SELECTION OF SAID LAND; AND
4. AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF SAID LAND, FOR CASH, TO PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, AT THE APPRAISED PRICE OF \$6,500, SUBJECT TO ALL STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESERVATIONS, INCLUDING MINERALS.

Attachment  
Calendar Item 21 (2 pages)

CALENDAR ITEM

21.

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On March 24, 1959, an application was received from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company to purchase vacant federal land described as the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ , the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ , and the  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8, T. 7 N., R. 24 E., S.B.M., containing a total of 65 acres in San Bernardino County. The applicant deposited the minimum amounts required by law. Immediately thereafter the State filed an exchange application with the United States in an attempt to acquire the land on behalf of the applicant. By agreement between the State and the United States, in order to avoid extra costs and time of personnel connected with appraisal for negotiating an equal-value exchange, the State's exchange application was replaced with a State indemnity-selection application. This selection-application filing was undertaken only after assurance was given by the United States that the selected federal land was suitable for classification under this application procedure.

A staff appraisal shows that the land is not suitable for cultivation without artificial irrigation, and establishes the total value of the parcel at \$6,500, or an average of \$100 per acre, which amount has been deposited by the applicant.

THE PROPERTY

Location: 14 miles south from Needles by Route No. 66.

Access: Good for the present use of the property.

Water: No natural water present.

Cover: Creosote, saltbush, and smoke trees.

Highest Use: Industrial, with grazing as a secondary use.

Present Use: Gas-line-booster pumping station under use permit from the United States.

This selection is considered to be to the advantage of the State in that it will assist in satisfying deficiencies under the School Land Grant.

The State's application to select the land has been accepted by the Bureau of Land Management, and the land was listed (conveyed) to the State on January 29, 1964.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT IT IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE TO SELECT THE FEDERAL LAND EMBRACED IN THE  $S\frac{1}{2}$  OF  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  OF  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  OF  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ , THE  $S\frac{1}{2}$  OF  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  OF  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ , AND THE  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  OF  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 8, T. 7 N., R. 24 E., S.B.M., CONTAINING 65 ACRES IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, AS SHOWN ON OFFICIAL UNITED STATES PLAT OF SURVEY APPROVED DECEMBER 18, 1884;

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2. FIND THAT SAID LAND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CULTIVATION WITHOUT ARTIFICIAL IRRIGATION;
3. APPROVE THE SELECTION OF SAID LAND; AND
4. AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SAID LAND, FOR CASH, TO PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, AT THE APPRAISED PRICE OF \$6,500, SUBJECT TO ALL STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESERVATIONS, INCLUDING MINERALS.