

MINUTE ITEM

7/20/65

8. APPLICATION FOR EASEMENT TO CONSTRUCT A DITCH ACROSS SOVEREIGN LAND OF ABANDONED BED OF COLORADO RIVER NEAR NEEDLES IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY; U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION - W.O. 5743, P.R.C. 3335.9.

After consideration of Calendar Item 24 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, AN EASEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DITCH TO DIVERT WATER OVER SOVEREIGN LAND OF THE ABANDONED BED OF THE COLORADO RIVER IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, FOR A TERM OF FORTY-NINE YEARS. THE EASEMENT IS 100 FEET WIDE AND TRANSVERSES THE OLD RIVER BED AS HERE DESCRIBED:

A STRIP OF LAND, 100 FEET IN WIDTH, (50 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE INLET CHANNEL) LYING WITHIN THE RIGHT HALF OF THE ABANDONED BED OF THE COLORADO RIVER ADJACENT TO SECTION 33, T. 9 N., R. 23 E., S.B.M., SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, SAID CENTERLINE OF INLET CHANNEL, EXTENDING FROM BUREAU OF RECLAMATION STATION 0+00 TO STATION 30+00.

THE CONSIDERATION FOR ISSUANCE OF THIS EASEMENT SHALL BE THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Attachment

Calendar Item 24 (1 page)

24.

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The Bureau of Reclamation of the U. S. Department of the Interior has requested authority to construct a ditch across sovereign land of the abandoned bed of the Colorado River adjacent to Section 33, T. 9 N., R. 23 E., S.B.M., near Needles in San Bernardino County. The parcel measures 100 feet in width, and lies within the California half of the abandoned channel (as shown on Exhibit "A").

The Bureau wishes to occupy the land for 49 years, for the purpose of constructing a ditch to convey water for enhancing fish and wildlife habitat.

The Colorado River was diverted from its natural channel over this land in June 1951 when the channelization from Needles to Topock was opened to the flow of the River.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, AN EASEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DITCH TO DIVERT WATER OVER SOVEREIGN LAND OF THE ABANDONED BED OF THE COLORADO RIVER IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, FOR A TERM OF FORTY-NINE YEARS. THE EASEMENT IS 100 FEET WIDE AND TRAVERSES THE OLD RIVER BED AS HERE DESCRIBED:

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