

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 16  
was approved as Minute Item  
No. 16 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3 MINUTE ITEM  
to 0 at its 422nd  
meeting.

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16. HISTORICAL ASSESSMENT; W 30010.

During consideration of Calendar Item 16 attached, Mr. Dwight Sanders, Chief, Planning and Environmental Coordination Unit, stated that two proposals had been received for the historical assessment described in the subject calendar item. These proposals were submitted by:

1. Alan Paterson
2. Kenneth Owens

He explained the staff was recommending that the award be made to Alan Paterson for the following reasons:

1. The people to be conducting the assessment in the Paterson proposal had a greater degree of experience and credentials in these types of matters.
2. The cost of the Paterson proposal was lower.

Mr. Hans Kreutzberg, historian for the State Historic Preservation Office, appeared in opposition to the staff's recommendation. He contended that the Commission should accept the Owens' proposal for the following reasons:

1. The Owens' proposal was more thorough as to understanding the complexities and details of the Federal requirements which are involved.
2. The Owens' proposal conformed to the Federal requirements better.
3. The Owens' proposal was outstanding in terms of quality approach.

At the conclusion of this testimony, Commission-alternate Sid McCausland moved and Commission-alternate Betty Jo Smith seconded that the staff recommendation be adopted.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the resolution as presented in Calendar Item 16 was passed 3-0 by the following vote:

Chairman Cory ....Aye  
Mr. McCausland ...Aye  
Ms. Smith .....Aye

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HISTORICAL ASSESSMENT

In September, 1977, the State Lands Commission received at \$1,210,969 grant from the Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the purpose of removing natural and man-made obstructions from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The grant is subject to a "special condition" as follows:

"Prior to the start of construction, the Grantee will present to the Regional Director, Western Regional Office, Economic Development Administration, evidence that the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has reviewed and approved final plans and specifications for site-specific removal projects as they are identified."

In essence, the project must conform to the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (80 Stat. 915, 16 U.S.C. 470) and subsequent federal rules and regulations. In administering the grant, the Commission is required to "identify properties located within the area of the undertaking's potential environmental impact that are included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register" (of Historic Places - clarification added). In order to determine eligibility, specific criteria are to be applied and stated procedures are to be followed.

The State Historic Preservation Office has determined that a "formal research effort" is required to enable the Commission to comply with the special condition of the grant and the provisions of federal law and resulting rules and regulations. As stated in a letter from Dr. Knox Mellon, the State Historic Preservation Officer, of November 30, 1977:

"On November 29, 1977, my staff and Mr. Russell Cahill, Director of Parks and Recreation came to a decision that a thorough cultural resource assessment, . . . , with a subsequent historical report must be conducted on a slough by slough basis, for all areas of San Joaquin Delta scheduled for hazard removal. In order for this assessment to be conducted, a professional historian

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should be hired by the State Lands with a contract acceptable to ourselves, the State Lands personnel and the contracted historian."

This letter also authorized the Commission to begin the project in the Rindge Tract area following an historical assessment approved by the SHPO in that area.

On February 3, 1978, Commission's Staff and the SHPO agreed to the content of a "request for proposals" for the required research effort which will be financed by the federal grant monies. The 2 proposals received have been evaluated by the Commission's Staff and the SHPO.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MR. ALAN PATERSON REPRESENTS THE PROPOSAL WHICH BEST MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PROJECT AT THE BEST PRICE.
2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE WITH AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ALAN PATERSON FOR A TOTAL COST OF NOT TO EXCEED \$37,322.