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AUTHORIZATION TO FILE DISCLAIMER IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V. 1840.0 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, ETC., ET AL., IN THE COUNTIES OF MERCED AND MARIPOSA, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, CIVIL NO. F-78-196-CIV.

The State Lands Commission is a party to a United States condemnation action brought by the United States Attorney entitled United States of America v. 1840.0 Acres of Land, etc., et al., in the Counties of Merced and Mariposa, filed in the United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Civil No. F-78-196-CIV involving land in Merced and Mariposa Counties; to be used in connection with the Merced County Streams Project.

Examination of the Commission's records pertinent to the area has revealed no ownership interest held by the State Lands Commission as to the tract of land described in the notice of condemnation. The property is crossed by Bear Creek, an intermittent stream, and Bear Reservoir which is filled only occasionally for flood control purposes.

It is recommended that the Commission file a disclaimer only as to compensation in this case so as to preserve any interest which may arise over the waters which cross the parcel of land which is the subject of this condemnation action.

EXHIBIT: A. Site Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO FILE DISCLAIMER OF COMPENSATION ON BEHALF OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION IN THE CASE OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V. 1840.0 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, IN THE COUNTIES OF MERCED AND MARIPOSA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ETC., ET AL., UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, CIVIL NO. F-78-196-CIV.

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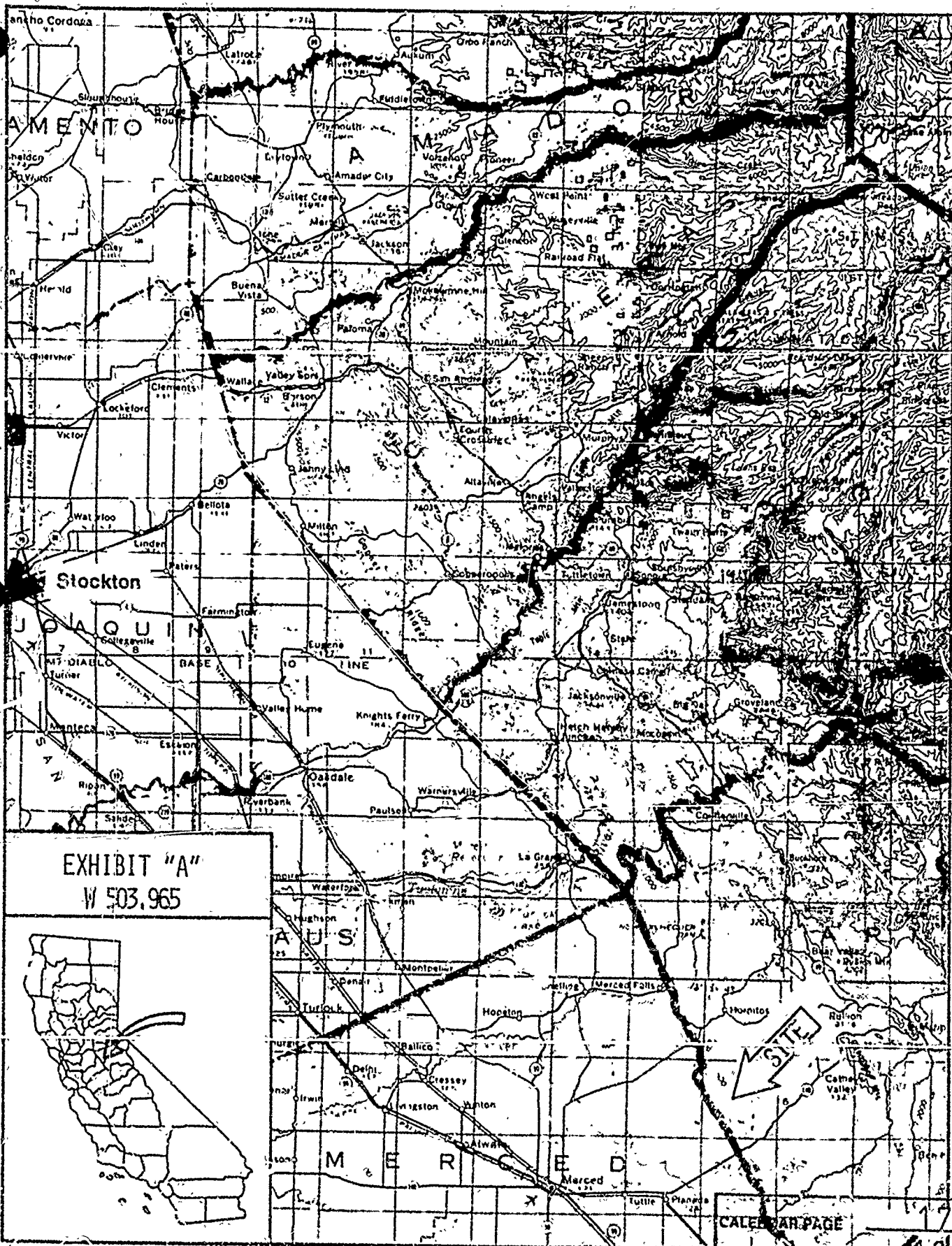


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An inset map of the state of California is shown in the bottom left corner. A rectangular box is drawn around the central-eastern portion of the state, indicating the geographical location of the main map's area of interest.

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