

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 19.
was approved as Minute Item
by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 6-27-79
meeting.

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PROSPECTING PERMIT

APPLICANT: Vinnell Mining and
Minerals Corporation

TYPE OF LAND: School land.

AREA AND LOCATION: Section 16, T17N, R13E, SBR&M, Clark Mountain
Area (approximately 90 miles east of Barstow).

PROPOSAL: To evaluate the potential for mineral values
other than oil, gas, and geothermal resources
of the subject lands. The primary exploratory
objective is to determine if flourspar
ore exists in commercial quantities, and
if so propose a plan for its extraction.
Flourspar is a critical raw material for
the aluminum, chemical, steel and miscellaneous
industries. Imports far exceed domestic
production, of which there is none in
California, and the use of acid-spar exceeds
the use of met-spar.

METHOD OF EXPLORATION:
The exploration program has been defined
in 3 phases. Phase I consists of surface
geological mapping, taking 2 men 60 days
to complete. Phase II will include the
construction of shallow trenches. The trenches
will be approximately 20' to 30' long,
2' wide and 1' deep, with all trenches
being filled when sampling is complete.
Phase III will consist of an estimated
30 core holes to be drilled to a depth
of 100 to 125 feet.

- PREREQUISITE TERMS:
1. The required filing fees and the \$1
per acre deposit have been paid by
the applicant.
 2. The subject permit has been reviewed
and approved by the Office of the Attorney
General as to compliance with applicable

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provisions of law pursuant to Section 6890 of the P.R.C.

3. The area is not known to contain commercially valuable deposits of minerals.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. A negative declaration was prepared by the Commission staff pursuant to CEQA and implementing regulations, and was certified by the Commission on February 22, 1979.
2. This project is situated on State land possessing environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370.1, and is classified in a use category, Class A, which authorizes Restricted Use. Staff has coordinated this application with those agencies who nominated the site as containing significant environmental values. They found this application to be compatible with their nomination.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT UPON ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6370.1 ET SEQ. OF THE P.R.C.
2. FIND THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION (EIR/ND #236) WAS CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS FEBRUARY 22, 1979 MEETING WHICH DISCUSSED THE IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT.
3. DETERMINE THAT THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN THE PERMIT ARE NOT KNOWN TO CONTAIN COMMERCIALY VALUABLE DEPOSITS OF MINERALS.
4. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF A PROSPECTING PERMIT TO VINNELL MINING AND MINERALS CORPORATION, FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS FOR ALL MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES IN SECTION 16, T17N, R13E, SBB&M, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY; IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD FORM OF PERMIT, ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION, ROYALTY PAYABLE

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UNDER ANY PREFERENTIAL LEASE ISSUED UPON THE DISCOVERY OF COMMERCIALY VALUABLE DEPOSITS, FOR ANY AND ALL MINERAL PRODUCTS EXTRACTED OR REMOVED FROM SAID PREMISES FOR SALE OR STOCKPILING, SHALL BE 10% OF THE GROSS SALES REVENUE LESS SPECIFIC CHARGES, AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, RELATED TO TRANSPORTING AND PROCESSING AS SET FORTH IN SAID PERMIT. THE ANNUAL MINIMUM ROYALTY SHALL BE \$2,600 FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE LEASE AND \$5,000 COMMENCING WITH THE SECOND YEAR OF THE LEASE.

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EXHIBIT "A"

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STATE LANDS COMMISSION

**Application for Prospecting Permit
Section 16, T. 17N., R. 13 E., S.B.B&M.**

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

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