

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 22
was approved as Minute Item
No. 22 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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GREAT WESTERN CITIES, INC., EIR

Great Western Cities, Inc., has submitted an application to the State Lands Commission requesting the State to modify its right-of-surface entry, pursuant to Section 6401(b) of the P.R.C., on certain lands where the State has a reserved mineral interest within the second community of the City of California City, Kern County.

Should the State Lands Commission decide to grant the release of its surface entry rights in the second community, it is possible that residential and small ranch development may follow on the affected lands. Many local agencies have expressed their concerns on this matter and the staff of the State Lands Commission has concluded that it will be necessary to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project.

The State Lands Commission will, therefore, serve as the lead agency for the purpose of preparing an EIR under the provisions of CEQA of 1970, as amended. The Commission's staff has determined that the EIR should be prepared by a private consulting organization(s) under a contract arrangement with the State Lands Commission. In order to solicit bids from such firms for the preparation of an EIR, a Request for Proposals (RFP) must be prepared and circulated. The Commission's staff has developed an appropriate RFP.

The applicant will be required to pay all costs associated with the preparation of the EIR.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO:

1. DEVELOP AND SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH GREAT WESTERN CITIES, INC., WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDING FOR PREPARATION OF AN EIR PREPARED ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICATION OF GREAT WESTERN CITIES, INC. FOR MODIFICATION OF THE STATE'S SURFACE ENTRY RIGHTS ON CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE SECOND COMMUNITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY.
2. ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN EIR FOR THIS PROJECT.
3. AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE EIR TO THE MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER.

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