

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 34  
is approved as Minute Item  
34 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3  
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meeting.

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APPROVAL OF THREE  
PROSPECTING PERMITS FOR MINERALS  
OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES,  
SAND AND GRAVEL, IMPERIAL COUNTY

APPLICANTS: Arthur Baker III, R. S. Davis,  
and Stephen R. Bruff  
507 Casazza Drive  
Reno, Nevada 89502

PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION:

Approval of three Prospecting Permits for  
two years to prospect for gold, silver  
and other valuable minerals, other than  
oil, gas, geothermal resources, sand and  
gravel, on approximately 1,920 acres of  
land, located in Imperial County.

CONSIDERATION: Filing fees totalling \$75, expense deposits  
totalling \$300 and acreage deposits totalling  
\$1,920.

TYPE OF LAND AND LOCATION:

State school land - Sections 16 and 36,  
T11S, R20E, and Section 16, T11S, R21E,  
SBM, Imperial County, 17 miles south of  
Palo Verde.

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PROPOSED PROJECT:

The applicants will conduct geologic mapping and rock outcrop chip sampling or soil sampling to depth of two inches in the permit areas to prospect for valuable minerals. This work will be done by a geologist on foot.

TERM:

The primary term of each Prospecting Permit is two years. The Commission may, in its discretion, extend the term for one additional year.

ROYALTY:

Royalty payable under the permits shall be 20 percent of the gross value of the minerals secured from the permit areas and sold or otherwise disposed of or held for sale or other disposition.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

1. Required statutory filing fees, expense deposits and acreage deposits have been submitted by the applicants.
2. Subject parcels are not known to contain commercially valuable deposits of minerals.
3. Royalty payable under any preferential lease issued shall be as follows: Not less than ten percent of the gross value of all minerals produced from the leased lands, less any charges incurred by the lessees and approved by the State, in processing and transporting said minerals.

STATUTORY REFERENCES:

A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Section 6891.

B. Cal. Adm. Code: Title 2, Section 2200.

AB 884:

5/16/84.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. This project is exempt from CEQA because it entails the collection of geologic information.

Authority: Class 6 categorical exemption, 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15306; P.R.C. Section 21084.

2. The project is situated on lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370.1, and is classified in use category "A" which authorizes Restricted Use. Staff coordinated this project with those agencies and organizations which nominated the sites as containing significant environmental values. They have found this project to be compatible with their nomination.
3. Any change in the proposed prospecting activities will require an environmental review pursuant to CEQA Regulations.
4. Pursuant to P.R.C. Section 6895, the applicants would have a preferential right to a lease for a maximum of 160 acres embraced within each permit. Said right shall be subject to all necessary environmental approvals. The permits will not affect the discretion of the Commission in granting or denying such environmental approvals.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

Pursuant to P.R.C. Section 6890, the subject permit applications have been approved by the Office of the Attorney General as to compliance with applicable provisions of the law.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description.
- B. Site Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT AS SUCH DOCUMENT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF P.R.C. 21084, 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15306 AND 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2905. THIS PROJECT SHALL INCLUDE THESE PERMITS AND ANY EXTENSION THE COMMISSION MAY GRANT IN ITS DISCRETION FOR THE SAME PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THE PERMITS.
2. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE GRANTING OF THE THREE PERMITS WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT UPON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6370.1 OF THE PRC.

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3. DETERMINE THAT THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN THE PERMITS ARE NOT KNOWN TO CONTAIN COMMERCIALY VALUABLE DEPOSITS OF MINERALS.
4. AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THREE PROSPECTING PERMITS TO ARTHUR BAKER III, R. S. DAVIS, AND STEPHEN R. BRUFF FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, FOR ALL MINERALS, OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, SAND AND GRAVEL, ON SECTIONS 16 AND 36, T11S, R20E, AND SECTION 16, T11S, R21E, SBM, IMPERIAL COUNTY, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1,920 ACRES; IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD FORM OF PERMIT. ROYALTY PAYABLE UNDER THE PERMITS SHALL BE 20 PERCENT. ROYALTY PAYABLE UNDER ANY PREFERENTIAL LEASE ISSUE UPON THE DISCOVERY OF COMMERCIALY VALUABLE DEPOSITS FOR ANY AND ALL MATERIALS EXTRACTED OR REMOVED FROM SAID PREMISES FOR SALE OR STOCKPILING SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF THE GROSS REVENUE, LESS SPECIFIC CHARGES, AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, RELATED TO TRANSPORTING AND PROCESSING, AS SET FORTH IN SAID LEASE; THE DETERMINATION OF SAID ROYALTIES SHALL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSION.

EXHIBIT "A"  
LAND DESCRIPTION

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Three parcels of California State school lands in Imperial County, California,  
described as follows:

PARCEL 1

Section 16, T11S, R20E, SBM.

PARCEL 2

Section 36, T11S, R20E, SBM.

PARCEL 3

Section 16, T11S, R21E, SBM.

END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED AUGUST 29, 1983 BY BOUNDARY AND TITLE UNIT, LEROY WEED, SUPERVISOR.

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