

MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. 25
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No. 25 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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AUTHORIZE, AS BOTH STATE LANDS COMMISSION
AND SCHOOL LAND BANK TRUSTEE, SELLING, AND THE
SUBSEQUENT ISSUANCE OF A PATENT TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE STATE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD,
FOR 4,331± ACRES OF STATE SCHOOL LAND
IN IMPERIAL COUNTY NEAR ANZA BORREGO STATE PARK

PARTIES:

State Lands Commission
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AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

4,331± acres of State school land in Imperial County near
Anza Borrego State Park.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Parts 1 and 2; Div. 13.

B. Cal. Code Regs.: Title 3, Div. 3; Title 14, Div. 6.

AB 884:

N/A

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. On April 9, 1982, six years after the Ocotillo Wells unit of the State Park System was classified a State recreation area, the California Park and Recreation Commission approved the Department of Parks and Recreation's General Plan for Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) preliminary dated December 1981, with addenda dated March 26, 1982, "subject to such environmental changes as the Director of Parks and Recreation shall determine advisable and necessary to implement carrying out the provisions and

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objectives of said plan." The adopted General Plan governed 12,510 acres acquired in 1975 and 1976 with off-highway vehicle funds, and contemplated acquisition of approximately 52,000 additional acres east of the SVRA. Under the terms of the Plan, "If the acquisition of any of the study area occurs, this plan will be amended to include those lands."

2. The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) is in the process of acquiring 28,300 acres of desert land in western Imperial County as an addition to Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreational Area (SVRA). The land is divided into a number of ownerships, including the federal Bureau of Land Management, State school lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission, and several private landholders. The property is open and undeveloped and its main use, presently unsanctioned and unregulated, is off-highway vehicle recreation.
3. The Department of Parks and Recreation filed, for sections 8, 18, 20, 28, 30, 32 and 34 in Imperial County, an Application to Purchase State Land on March 16, 1990. Staff's appraisal has been reviewed and approved by the departments of General Services and Parks and Recreation. The consideration of \$596,606 will be deposited in the School Land Bank Fund to facilitate the management of school lands for the purpose of generating revenue and carrying out the goals of the School Land Bank Act.
4. A patent will be issued for the sale parcels to State of California, acting by and through the State Public Works Board, subject to applicable statutory and constitutional reservations, including, but not limited to, all minerals, right of entry, and the right of the public to fish upon.
5. Staff has filed a General Plan for this activity with the Legislature pursuant to P.R.C. 6373.
6. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15061), the staff has determined that this

activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a statutorily exempt project. The project is exempt because it involves an action taken pursuant to the School Land Bank Act, P.R.C. 8700, et seq.

Authority: P.R.C. 8710.

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) completed and circulated a draft EIR (SCH 81090416) and subsequently certified a final Environmental Impact Report on September 4, 1986. The project discussed in the EIR was the proposed acquisition by the Department of approximately 28,300 acres of public and private land as an addition to the existing Ocotillo Wells SVRA.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description
- B. Location Map
- C. General Plan

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY, THE SALE OF STATE SCHOOL LANDS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (DEPARTMENT), IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 AS A STATUTORILY EXEMPT PROJECT PURSUANT TO P.R.C. 8710, AN ACTION TAKEN PURSUANT TO THE SCHOOL LAND BANK ACT, P.R.C. 8700, ET SEQ.
2. FIND THAT A GENERAL PLAN FOR THE USE OF THE AFFECTED LANDS WAS PREPARED AND FILED WITH THE LEGISLATURE PURSUANT TO P.R.C. 6373. AS A CONDITION OF SALE, THE DEPARTMENT WILL AMEND ITS EXISTING GENERAL PLAN FOR THE OCOTILLO WELLS SVRA TO INCLUDE THE SUBJECT ACQUISITION. THEREAFTER, SUCH LANDS SHALL BE MANAGED CONSISTENT WITH THE AMENDED PLAN, SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS LISTED IN NO. 3 BELOW.
3. AUTHORIZE THE SALE AND SUBSEQUENT ISSUANCE OF A PATENT TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE STATE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD, FOR LANDS AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A", SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESERVATIONS TO THE STATE, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ALL MINERALS, RIGHT OF ENTRY, AND THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO FISH UPON.

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4. AUTHORIZE THE DEPOSIT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF SAID LANDS, \$596,606, IN THE SCHOOL LAND BANK FUND FOR PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THE SCHOOL LAND BANK ACT.

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EXHIBIT "A"

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LAND DESCRIPTION

Those State owned school lands in Imperial County, California, described as follows:

All of Sections 8, 18, 20, 28, 30, 32, and 34, T11S, R9E, SBM.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM the NE 1/4 of the abovementioned Section 18.

END OF DESCRIPTION

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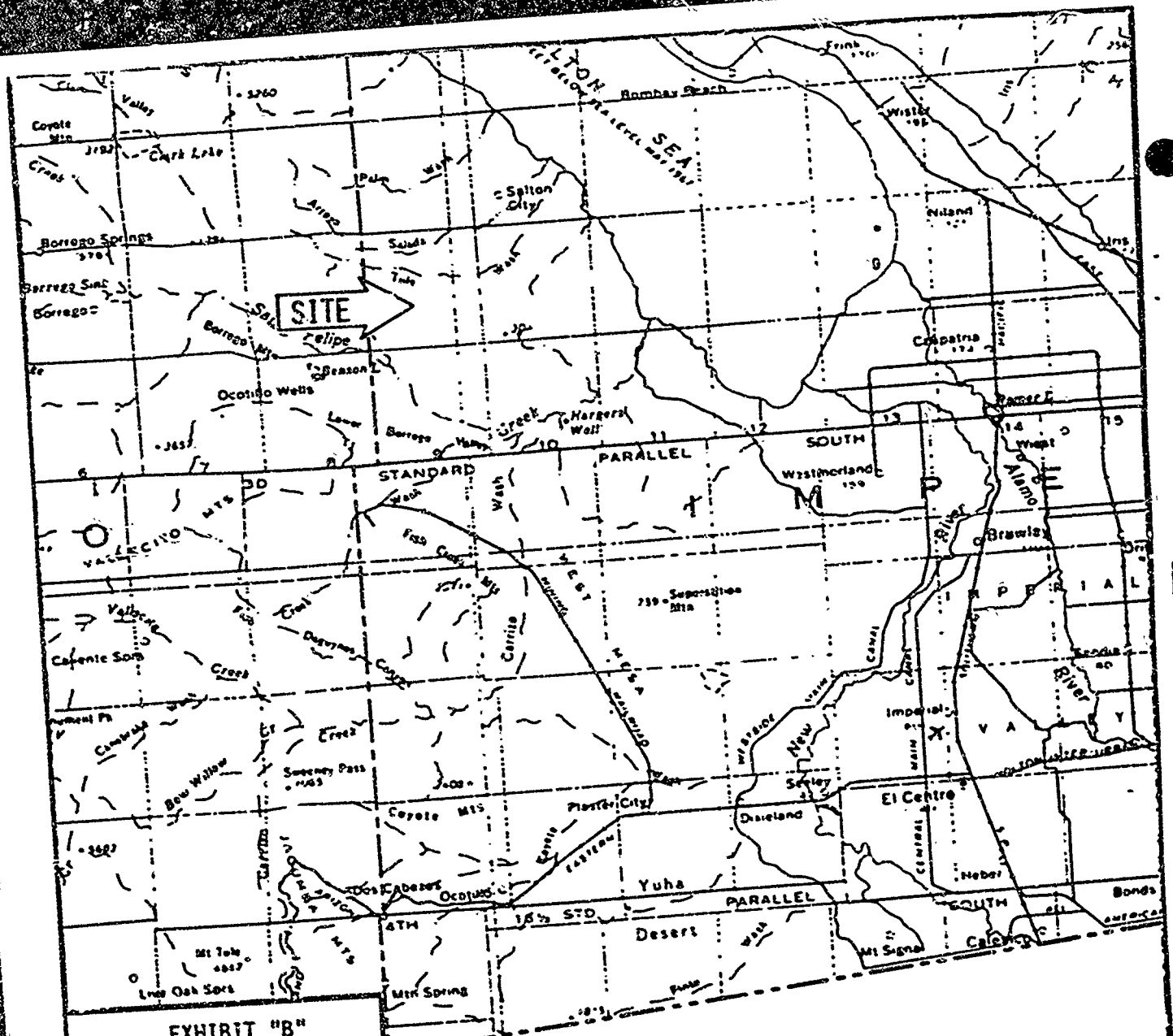


EXHIBIT "B"
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GENERAL PLAN

The State Lands Commission proposes to sell 4,491± acres of State school land to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Department of Parks and Recreation is acquiring approximately 28,300 acres of desert land in western Imperial County as an addition to Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA). The land is divided into a number of ownerships, including the federal government (Bureau of Reclamation), the State of California (State Lands Commission), and several large and small private landholders. The property is open and undeveloped, and its main use is off-highway vehicle recreation. The addition of this land to Ocotillo Wells SVRA will extend patrol services, trail marking, and possibly other services and facilities into the new area.