

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to execute an acceptance of the quitclaim of Lease No. P.R.C. 132, as tendered by the lessee, the Marine Exploration Company.

27. (Acquisition of Forest Land - State Division of Forestry - W.O. 256) The State Lands Commission was informed that in collaboration with the State Division of Forestry, precursory investigation has been made of some 23,382 acres of school lands which are under the jurisdiction of the State and which are partially covered with timber. These lands are within the boundaries of National Forests. It is estimated the total value of these lands within the National Forest to the State Lands Commission, would be a minimum of \$150,000 for the timber and \$117,000 for the bare land.

The State Division of Forestry is desirous of acquiring additional forest lands in the State, but the State Lands Commission's school lands, being in the National Forest, are not available or advantageous to them. It has, therefore, been suggested that the State Lands Commission exchange the school lands within the National Forest for other federal lands outside of the forest, which latter lands shall be sold to the Division of Forestry. Through this exchange, it is anticipated that a consolidated tract of timber lands could be obtained which would be advantageous to the Division of Forestry in its State forest program.

Messrs. DeWitt Nelson, Candless and Goldsmith of the Division of Forestry, appeared before the Commission in regard to this matter and presented the views of the Board of Forestry.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried a resolution was adopted authorizing for subsequent submission to the State Lands Commission a report in collaboration with the Division of Forestry, on a program of consolidation of school land and forest lands by exchange with the U.S. and a determination of values of such consolidated lands are to be purchased by the Division of Forestry. Before such lands are sold to Division of Forestry, said lands are to be advertised for sale by the Commission under pertinent statutes and policies.

28. (Utilization of Base in National Monuments for Acquisition by the State of Vacant Federal Public Domain - Section 7405.1 of the Public Resources Code added by 1947 Statutes) The Commission was informed that in the 1947 legislative session, authority was given to the Commission to obtain from the Federal Government lands in lieu of school lands now belonging to the State and contained in National Monuments, such lieu lands after acquisition by the State to be sold in the same manner as school lands. The State owns approximately 108,000 acres and 43,000 acres in Death Valley National Monument and Joshua Tree National Monument, respectively, which lands have been withheld from sale by the State as a matter of policy. It is therefore in the interests of the State to take advantage of Section 7405.1 of the Public Resources Code, as above mentioned, and acquire lieu lands equivalent in area which could be sold advantageously at the present time because of the great demand on the part of the public.

Recently an inspection has been made of approximately 120,000 acres of Federal lands at Camp Irwin, north and east of Barstow in San Bernardino County, and approximately 9,000 acres of Federal lands between Highway 99 and the Salton Sea in Imperial County. The reason for the inspection has been the interest manifested by several individuals in these respective lands.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to institute exchange applications for the lands in the Camp Irwin and Salton Sea areas and release to the Federal Government equivalent State school lands in Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Monuments, upon acquisition by the State of the lieu lands, same to be sold by the State in the same manner as school lands and in accordance with pertinent State statutes and policies.

29. (Contract for Services Relating to Establishment of Index for Proprietary Lands) The Commission was informed that in order that the State Lands Commission may carry out its statutory duties as provided in Section 6219 of the Public Resources Code, wherein it is required to establish an adequate index of all lands owned or acquired by the State, a preliminary survey of the county records recording the ownership of State properties appears necessary. After considerable investigation it has been deemed advisable to enter into a contract with the Remington Rand Company providing for a survey of such records for the purpose of determining the best means of accomplishing the desired objective.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to approve a contract with the Remington Rand Company for a preliminary survey of county records relating to State proprietary lands, such contract to cover a three months period and to be the basis of a recommendation to the Commission as to the best means of establishing said index. This contract shall not exceed the amount of \$10,000.00 and shall be paid from funds provided by the legislature, Item No. 156, Chapter 486, Statutes of 1947.

30. (Report for Senate Committee on Local Governmental Agencies - Mono and Inyo County - Federal Lands - City of Los Angeles - W.O. 153) Senator Charles Brown appeared before the Commission and presented a new form of bill to supplant Congressman Poulson's bill with respect to a grant by the Federal Government to the City of Los Angeles of Public Lands in Inyo and Mono Counties. This revised bill has been drawn by the legislative council and has been discussed by Inyo County officials, the State's lessees on Owens Lake and the City of Los Angeles.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously approved this revised bill was referred to the Commission's staff for study and report to the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.