

12. (Transfer of land adjacent to concrete ship, Seacliff Beach State Park, to State Park Commission, W. O. 237.)

The Commission was advised that on February 6, 1946, authorization was given for the transfer to the State Park Commission of the beached concrete ship on tide and submerged land in front of the Seacliff State Park in Santa Cruz County. The State Park Commission now desires to have full jurisdiction not only over the concrete ship but also over the adjacent tide and submerged lands amounting to approximately two acres.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the transfer of two acres of tide and submerged land adjacent to the concrete ship beached in front of the Seacliff Beach State Park, Santa Cruz County, to the State Park Commission subject to approval of the Director of Finance pursuant to Section 13110 et. seq., of the Government Code.

13. (Litigation - Carlson vs. State, Sacramento Superior Court No. 77913 - W. O. No. 265) The Commission was informed that this action has been brought pursuant to Statutes of 1947, Chapter 1154 which allows suits to quiet title to former beds of navigable waterways. The staff has investigated the factual data to attempt to clarify the possible State interest, if any, in an area which is now being subdivided, and which is known to have been the bed of the American River in 1866. The State has not parted with its record title to the original channel; but from the known facts, it appears impossible to state conclusively whether the State's title to the original channel has been lost in lieu of present channel which is known to have existed in 1885, but has been subsequently the subject of an adjudication vesting title to the present river bed in the littoral land owners. The State was not a party to such a judgment. It is felt that the State's ownership of the bed of the American River should be along a continuous strip, and that the equities involved should demand that the State retain ownership of the existing waterway, particularly in view of the fact that costly and extended litigation will most probably result should the State have to prove ownership of the original river bed area.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to request the Attorney General's office to settle this quiet title action by having the plaintiffs supply the State of California with quitclaim deeds for the entire width of the bed of the existing American River between the mean low water marks, from all the necessary claimants thereto, adjacent to plaintiffs property and further to advise the Attorney General's office that upon delivery of such quitclaims to the river bed, disclaimer may be made of any state interest in the old river channel, or otherwise supply plaintiffs with the necessary assurances which will allow vesting of title to the old river bed in plaintiffs.

14. (Victorville Auxiliary Air Field - Section 36, T. 6 N., R. 8 W., S.B.M. Los Angeles County - W. O. 94) The Commission was informed that the State during the war leased Section 36, T. 6 N., R. 8 W., S.B.M. to the United States upon which the Army built an auxiliary landing strip for training in connection with the Victorville Army Air Base and that when the

lease was cancelled the landing strip was turned over to the State free of charge. This landing strip represents an investment of approximately \$150,000.00.

Discussions have been had with the County of Los Angeles who are interested in the maintenance of this landing strip by lease of this land from the State.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to negotiate a 15 year lease with the County of Los Angeles for Section 36, T. 6 N., R. 8 W., S.B.M. at an annual rental of 6% of the appraised bare land value of \$2,960.00 which amounts to \$177.60. Said lease to include right of renewal for an additional period of 10 years, and to provide that the county at its expense shall maintain the landing strip.

15. (Application for recreational lease - Fish Canyon, Los Angeles County, Wesley E. Mills, W. O. No. 165) The Commission was informed that on August 19, 1947 the Commission authorized the execution and issuance to Wesley E. Mills upon behalf of Boy Scout Troops 6 and 604, a recreational lease for Lots 45, 46 and 47, Fish Canyon in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, T. 1 N., R. 10 W., S.B.B. & M., Los Angeles County. No action has been taken by Mr. Mills and no reply received to the letter of inquiry of March 30th, 1948.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the rescission of the action taken August 19, 1947, Minute Page 773, Item 38, in regard to the issuance of a recreational lease for Lots 45, 46 and 47, Fish Canyon and rejecting the application of Mr. Wesley Mills.

16. (Application for Recreational Lease, Fish Canyon, Los Angeles County, R. E. Rowley (Chairman Boy Scout Committee, Glendale Post No. 127, American Legion, Ltd.) W. O. 315) The Commission was informed that an application has been received from Mr. R. E. Rowley for a lease of Fish Canyon Lot No. 40 in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, T. 1 N., R. 10 W., S.B.B. & M., for utilization as a Boy Scout camping area.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution as adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to execute and issue to Mr. R. E. Rowley a recreational lease for Lot 40, Fish Canyon, in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, T. 1 N., R. 10 W., S.B.B. & M., Los Angeles County, for a period of ten years at the established rental of \$20.00 per year upon payment of the statutory filing fee and the first annual rental in advance.

17. (Purchase of School Land, Ralph Staver, Application No. 10419, Los Angeles Land District) The Commission was informed that the Commission has received an application from Mr. Ralph Staver for the purchase of five sections of school land in San Bernardino County near Essex in the Mojave Desert, located in Townships 8 N., Ranges 15, 16 and 17 E., and 9 N., 15 and 16 E., S.B.B. & M., contingent upon State acquiring some 24,585.59 acres of Federal lands in Townships 8 N., 17 E., 9 N., 16 E., 7 N., 15 and 16 E.,