

T. 13 S., R. 35 E., M.D.M. The Assessor of Inyo County has assessed contiguous lands at \$16.50 per acre, thus indicating an appraised value of the land at \$33.00 per acre. However, this assessment is based on the fact that the contiguous area was a going ranch acquired by the City of Los Angeles under which taxes are collected at values determined by the early use. The ranch is not now in operation. No taxes are levied on lands of acquisition which at the time are not on the assessment rolls. An appraisal by the Commission's staff indicates that the offer made by the City of Los Angeles is adequate for the State land under present use in the area. This land is comparatively level, although there are several gullies or washes where the water runs during storms. Most of the land consists of hummocks, making it very rough and quite expensive to level in order to prepare it for cultivation. The greater portion of the land has more or less alkali on it. In places it has a heavy crust of alkali on it covering the surface. The land is covered with small sage brush and bunch grass and could be used for pasture. The soil appears to be of fair quality, except where there were washes and not too much alkali. It is doubtful whether the land would be suitable for cultivation without artificial irrigation. Water could be procured through the drilling of wells, as there is considerable swampy land nearby.

The City of Los Angeles has made an offer of \$1600.00 or \$5.00 per acre for the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16, T. 14 S., R. 35 E., M.D.M. The Assessor of Inyo County stated that the minimum assessment of \$2.00 per acre would be placed on this land if it were assessed, thus indicating an appraised value of \$4.00 per acre. An appraisal by the Commission's staff indicates that the offer made is adequate. This land lies on an alluvial slope, about three miles from the base of the hills and immediately south of Manzanar on Highway 395. It is accessible by road only through locked gates on the $E\frac{1}{2}$ of the section owned by the City of Los Angeles. The soil is rocky, second rate, but would be suitable for cultivation if irrigated. The land is covered with sage brush. Bear Creek runs through the section.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the sale of the $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, T. 13 S., R. 35 E., and the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16, T. 14 S., R. 35 E., M.D.M., without advertising, to the City of Los Angeles at a cash price of \$2200.00, subject to all statutory reservations, including minerals.

34. (Sale of Vacant Federal Land, Obtained through Use of Base, Scrip Application No. *00*, Sacramento Land District, Mendocino County - Division of Forestry - Sac. W.O. 203) The Commission was informed that a request has been received from the Division of Forestry of Sacramento, California, to select in behalf of the Division of Forestry the $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, T. 17 N., R. 17 W., M.D.M., containing 40 acres in Mendocino County. This land may be obtained by the State from the Federal Government through use of base. The Division of Forestry is willing to pay \$5.00 per acre or the appraised price, whichever is greater.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the filing for this land with the Federal Government, and upon the approval of the selection the sale of the $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, T. 17 N., R. 17 W., M.D.M., to the Division of Forestry at a cash price to be set by the Commission after appraisal report, subject to all statutory reservations including minerals.

35. (Authority to Execute Contracts - S.D. Accounting) The Commission was informed that by action at its meeting held April 11, 1948, the State Lands Commission granted the Executive Officer authority to execute contracts for the performance of necessary services in connection with the State Lands Division's