

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

work, in an amount not to exceed \$500.00. Experience has proven that this limitation as to amount has materially hampered the processing of the Division's work, since the approval of contracts in excess of \$500.00 for the performance of necessary services has been delayed pending Commission action.

In order to correct this situation, and at the same time maintain in the Commission the authority for entering into agreements for major contractual services, it is suggested that the limitation so placed be raised to a figure more in keeping with the operating needs of the State Lands Division.

Upon motion duly made and carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to negotiate and execute any and all contracts for and on behalf of the State Lands Commission, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000, provided that services to be rendered are found to be necessary, and that such contracts are in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance. This authorization shall supersede and supplant that granted the Executive Officer by the State Lands Commission at its meeting held April 14, 1948, Minute Item No. 11. This authorization shall expire at the date of the Commission meeting nearest to June 21, 1950, or at the date of the next vacancy in the office of the Executive Officer whichever is the sooner. A vote was taken upon this matter with the following result: Chairman Dean, Aye; Member Knight, Aye; Member Kuchel, No.

36. (Defense of State's rights in tide and submerged lands - N-5092) The Commission was informed that the State Lands Commission has been advised by the Office of the Attorney General that the unencumbered remainder of Contract No. LC 47 providing funds for the defense of the State's interest in its tide and submerged lands is less than \$2,000.00 and has requested that the contract be supplemented in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of meeting the Attorney General's expenses in connection with this action.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to issue a supplementary contract to the Attorney General in the amount of \$20,000.00 for defense of the State's interest in its tide and submerged lands. Said contract to supplement that certain agreement known as LC 47 dated July 1, 1949.

37. (Acquisition by the United States of lands occupied by U.S. Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California, under provisions of Section 126, Government Code, W.O. 516) On July 26, 1949, the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to order and conduct the requisite hearings pursuant to Section 126 of the Government Code and under the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Commission on June 14, 1949, on applications for consent to acquisition by the United States of lands comprising a number of sites among which was the U. S. Navy Post Graduate School at Monterey, California.

Under date of June 27, 1949, a letter executed by Jack E. Cochrane, for the Chief of Bureau of Yards and Docks, acting presumably under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, notified the State Lands Commission of acceptance by the Department of Navy of jurisdiction over the lands acquired by the United States for a post graduate school for the Navy at Monterey, California.

Pursuant to said application, arrangements were made to conduct a public hearing at Monterey, California, on December 19, 1949, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. Notice of such public hearing was published in the Monterey Peninsula Herald on December 3, 1949; affidavit of such publication has been received. Service on the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey was made on December 2, 1949 and return filed with the Commission. Notices were thus published and served in compliance with Section 2702, Calif. Admin. Code, Title 2, "Costs of publication