

16. (WRITE-OFF OF SMALL DIFFERENCES, LEASE ROYALTY AND RENTAL ACCOUNTS - S.D., MISC.) The Commission was informed that at its meeting held September 19, 1947, the State Lands Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to obtain authority from the State Board of Control under Chapter 238, Statutes of 1947, to write off debit and credit balances of royalties receivable up to fifty cents. Such authority was granted by the State Board of Control under date of December 30, 1947, the authority being restricted to those accounts not under controversy between the State and the Federal Government.

The Commission was further informed that it has now been found that the amount stated in the authority granted, i. e., fifty cents, is insufficient, and that the interests of the State will best be served if the amount of such adjustment be fixed at any amount "less than \$1.00" which maximum amount is fixed by law.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted rescinding the action of September 19, 1947, Minute Item No. 22, and authorizing the Executive Officer to request authority from the State Board of Control to adjust differences between royalties earned and payments received from operators, for debit or credit balances of accounts receivable, in amounts of less than \$1.00 in accordance with Sections 13145 and 13943.5, Government Code, except that this authority shall not apply to royalties or receivables from leases located on tide and submerged lands, currently under controversy between the State and the Federal Government, said request for authority to be presented to, and be approved by the Division of Audits, prior to presentation to the Board of Control.

17. (SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION NO. 4702, SACRAMENTO LAND DISTRICT, YOLO COUNTY, MESSRS. JOHN ADAN AND MARION H. STEPHENS - SAC. W.O.'S 182, 213) The Commission was informed that an offer of \$248.46 or \$3.00 per acre has been received from Messrs. Adan and Stephens of Esparto, California, to purchase the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lot 1 (or NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 6, T. 12 N., R. 4 W., M.D.M., containing 82.82 acres in Yolo County.

The Assessor of Yolo County has assessed contiguous land at \$2.19 per acre, thus indicating an appraised value of the land of \$4.38 per acre, however, these contiguous lands are traversed by Cache Creek and have considerable grazing land and considerable Oak timber. An appraisal by the Commission's staff indicates that the offer as made is adequate.

Lot 1 (or NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 6 has an elevation of 625 to 900 feet. It was burnt over about three years ago and now is practically bare except for a few scrub pines and some browsing. The land lies on a steep northerly slope, has no grazing value, no agricultural value, no timber value, no indication of mining and there is no access to the land except through privately owned land on all sides except the south which is vacant government land but very difficult of access, being extremely rough, mountainous and brushy. The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 6 has an elevation of about 650 to 1300 feet and also lies on a steep northerly slope. There is no timber and it is covered with very heavy brush. The land is very rough and has no value except for hunting purposes. The only access is through government land on the south which is difficult, being covered with dense brush. The cost of putting in a road to either of said parcels is prohibitive for the purpose desired, hunting.