

36. (SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION NO. 4712, SACRAMENTO LAND DISTRICT, SONOMA COUNTY - JOHN T. SINK - SAC. W.O. 197) The Commission was informed that an offer of \$2720.45 or \$5.00 per acre has been received from Mr. Sink of Cloverdale, California, to purchase Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, T. 11 N., R. 9 W., M.D.M., containing 544.09 acres in Sonoma County.

The Sonoma County assessment records show that adjoining lands are assessed at from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per acre, under classification of brush and open land, with the brush having the lower assessed valuation. An appraisal by the Commission's staff indicates that the offer as made is adequate.

The land is situated on the south slope of Squaw Creek where the topography is moderate to steep. The elevation of the land varies from 1900 to 2700 feet. The vegetation consists of a dense growth of chamise with occasional stands of manzanita. The area is deeply trenched, contains steep slopes, with rocky soil and, therefore, has no value for agriculture purposes. There are 3 small springs located on the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3 which flow approximately a gallon per minute. The land is entirely surrounded by deeded lands and is accessible only through locked gates. There is no indication of minerals and the principal value of the land is for hunting purposes.

The land was advertised for sale with a stipulation that no offer of less than \$2720.45 would be accepted. Mr. Sink bid \$2720.45.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the sale of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, T. 11 N., R. 9 W., M.D.M., to the single bidder Mr. John T. Sink at a cash price of \$2720.45, subject to all statutory reservations, including minerals.

37. (PROCEDURE FOR SALE OF STATE LANDS) The Commission was informed that it has been the practice to obtain specific authority from the Commission in each case to make application to the Bureau of Land Management for the listing to the State of selected Federal lands and then later on to obtain an approval of each sale by the Commission after appraisal.

In the case of sale of school lands it has been the practice to proceed with advertising and the Commission takes action only once when the bids are submitted for approval. If a similar procedure were followed in the case of scrip applications only one action by the Commission would be required.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to advertise State lands for sale and to file for selections whenever applications are received, the Commission taking action only when all preliminaries have been completed and sales are ready for final approval or disapproval.

38. (DISPOSITION OF RESERVED MINERAL RIGHTS IN ESCHEATED LANDS) W.O. 362 The Commission was informed that Chapter 1222 of the Statutes of 1949 provides, in part, as follows:

"The Commission is hereby authorized to sell, exchange, rent, lease, or otherwise manage the property represented by all mineral reservations to the State made prior to the effective date of Section 6403 of this Code, as added by Chapter 227