

20. (APPLICATION, U. S. NAVY TO OCCUPY AND LEASE RIVERSIDE AND IMPERIAL COUNTIES SCHOOL LANDS FOR CHOCOLATE MOUNTAIN GUNNERY RANGE - W.O. 642, P.R.C. 510) The Commission was informed that on March 23, 1950 (Page 1106, 1107 of Minutes) it passed the following resolution: "Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to issue to the United States a use permit for the 11,960 acres of school land in the extended Chocolate Mountain Gunnery Range for a period of not to exceed one year on the condition that the Navy will enter into immediate negotiations for a lease on these particular lands as well as for the 12,442.6 acres of the original taking under Case No. 2054-Y. The rental for the latter lands to commence at the date of the original order of possession."

Communication has now been received from the Director of the Property Administrations Division of the Eleventh Naval District for an extension of the use permit for an additional year or to March 27, 1952.

The Commission will recall that there are two problems involved in the land under this use permit. First, 12,442.6 acres are subject to condemnation under Case No. 2054-Y under which condemnation immediate possession has been obtained and secondly, that the Navy is using as addition to the aerial gunnery range under this use permit some 11,960 acres of vacant school land which were not part of the condemnation. During the past year no definite conclusion has been reached by the Navy for ultimate acquisition of the additional land. The Navy does expect to acquire the 12,442.6 acres in Condemnation Case No. 2054-Y, and it is possible that the Navy will desire permanent installation on both areas. The only answer to the State's problem is to make an exchange with the Federal Government for other Federal lands.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED TO THE EFFECT THAT THE EXISTING USE PERMIT P.R.C. 510 BE RENEWED FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 23, 1951 AND ENDING MARCH 22, 1952 FOR USE AS AN AERIAL GUNNERY RANGE 11,960 ACRES OF SCHOOL LANDS IN THE EXTENDED CHOCOLATE MOUNTAIN GUNNERY RANGE AND FOR USE OF THE 12,442.6 ACRES OF THE ORIGINAL TAKING UNDER CASE NO. 2054-Y; ALSO THAT IN ANY SETTLEMENT FOR ANY OF THE LAND INVOLVED THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE FOR RENTAL FOR USE OF THE LAND FROM FEBRUARY 12, 1942, THE DATE OF ORDER FOR IMMEDIATE POSSESSION ON THE 12,442.6 ACRES INVOLVED IN CASE 2054-Y, AND FROM MARCH 23, 1950 FOR THE ADDITIONAL 11,960 ACRES IN THE EXTENDED AREA.

21. (STATE LANDS, SIERRA ORDNANCE DEPOT, LASSEN COUNTY - W.O. 564, P.R.C. 514) The Commission was informed that on April 28, 1950, at its meeting in Los Angeles (pages 1129-1130 of the minutes) it passed the following resolution:

"Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to execute a lease with the United States for approximately 15,500 acres of State land within the Sierra Ordnance Depot in Lassen County for a period beginning at the date of occupancy and terminating on June 30, 1965, with option in Government to renew for two additional 10 year periods with final termination date to be June 30, 1965, at an annual rental of 12 cents per acre subject to right in the United States to dispose of government improvements and restoration of premises at expiration."