

19. (RENEWAL OF LEASE OF VACANT STATE SCHOOL LAND IN INYO COUNTY, MERLE F. OTTO - P.R.C. 516.) The Commission was informed that on April 28, 1950 (Minute Page 1115, Item 15), it authorized the issuance of a lease of 90 acres of vacant school land in Section 36, T. 23 S., R. 42 E., M.D.B. & M., Inyo County, for an initial term of one year, for an annual rental of \$50.00, with the option on the part of the lessee to renew the lease annually for fourteen (14) additional periods of one year each. The lease was issued to provide a site for a camp, millsite, and other operations in connection with an adjoining gold mining lease. An application has been received from the lessee for renewal of the subject lease for a period of one year. Annual rental in the amount of \$50.00 has been deposited by the applicant.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE TO MERLE F. OTTO AN EXTENSION FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR OF LEASE P.R.C. 516, COVERING NINETY (90) ACRES OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND IN SECTION 36, T. 23 S., R. 42 E., M.D.B. & M., INYO COUNTY, AT A RENTAL OF \$50.00, ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE P.R.C. 516, AS AUTHORIZED ORIGINALLY, TO BE CONTINUED IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

20. (PROPOSED PURCHASE OF VACANT FEDERAL LANDS - COLONEL R. A. ELLSWORTH - S.W.O. 5281 - SERIAL NO. 073199 LOS ANGELES.) Colonel Ellsworth has requested that the State acquire through exchange some 5489.34 acres of federal government land in the Salton Sea area in T. 10 S., R. 10 E., S.B.M., and sell to him the acquired federal lands at the appraised value of the lands involved. Colonel Ellsworth, in the prospective acquisition of said lands, proposes to expend a large amount of money in providing water for use on the land and the development of the property. The project would appear to be highly desirable and would afford a development in the Salton Sea area that could not be done unless some public agency prosecuted the actual development and the expenditure of the money.

Accordingly, the State's application was filed March 29, 1948, to select 5489.34 acres of vacant federal land in T. 10 S., R. 10 E., S.B.M., in exchange for 5495.60 acres of surveyed school lands in Joshua Tree National Monument. On December 20, 1950, the Bureau of Land Management advised that an examination of the records of that office shows that there are no springs or water holes needed or used by the public for watering purposes and no hot or medicinal springs on the selected lands, that it has been determined that the selected lands are available for exchange and that the values of the selected and offered lands are approximately equal for the purpose of exchange, that there are no outstanding contests or protests of record, that the requirements pertaining to the application have been made, and that publication of the exchange was authorized.

In accordance with instructions from the Bureau of Land Management, the notices of the exchange application describing both government lands and State lands were published for the required period in the papers designated by the Bureau of Land Management.

Before the government land desired by Colonel Ellsworth will be patented to the State, it is necessary for the State to convey to the federal government by grant deed 5495.60 acres of surveyed State school lands in the Joshua Tree National Monument offered in exchange.