

Section 6444 of the Public Resources Code provides: "Whenever in the judgment of the commission it is to the advantage of the State to exchange any of its public lands, as provided in Sections 6441, 6442 and 6443, the commission shall so certify to the Governor, who shall thereupon execute, on behalf of the State, any instruments of conveyance necessary to effect the exchange."

It is proposed that the State acquire this land and sell it after publication of notice to receive bids at a price of not less than \$2.00 per acre. This price has been approved by the staff after inspection.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, PURSUANT TO SECTION 7405.1 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, APPROVING THE SELECTION OF THE SUBJECT LAND AND CERTIFYING THAT IT IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE TO EXCHANGE THE 5495.60 ACRES OF SURVEYED SCHOOL LANDS IN THE JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENT IN SAN BERNARDINO AND RIVERSIDE COUNTIES, OFFERED TO THE UNITED STATES IN EXCHANGE FOR 5489.34 ACRES OF GOVERNMENT LANDS IN T. 10 S., R. 10 E., S.B.M., IMPERIAL COUNTY, OF APPROXIMATELY EQUAL AREA AND VALUE, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION, THE CERTIFICATE PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 6444 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE.

THE COMMISSION FURTHER AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE SALE OF SAID 5489.34 ACRES AT A MINIMUM PRICE OF \$2.00 PER ACRE, GIVING COLONEL ELLSWORTH THIRTY DAYS AFTER OPENING OF BIDS IN WHICH TO MEET THE HIGHEST QUALIFIED BIDS, AND REPORTING THE RESULTS TO THE COMMISSION FOR FINAL ACTION.

21. (PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF 4400.73 ACRES OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND, INYO COUNTY, AND SALE TO ROLAND H. WILEY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA - S.N.O. 137 AND S.W.O. 5207.) The Commission was informed that at the meeting of February 25, 1949, at Page 952 of the Minutes, Item 39, it approved the selection of 6440 acres in Fahrump Valley in behalf of Roland H. Wiley of Las Vegas, Nevada.

On March 23, 1950, Page 1100 of the Minutes, Item 7, the Commission authorized the sale, upon the approval of the selection, to Mr. Wiley without advertising, at a cash price of \$2.00 per acre for said 6440 acres of federal government land.

On April 27, 1949, Pages 954 and 955 of the Minutes, Item 21, the Commission authorized the selection of an additional 3074.50 acres of federal land in Fahrump Valley and its sale, upon approval of the selection, to Mr. Wiley at a cash price of \$2.00 per acre.

On November 21, 1949, Pages 1038 and 1039 of the Minutes, Item 52, the Commission authorized the selection of an additional 9573.11 acres of federal land in the Fahrump Valley, which is contiguous to the lands previously selected in behalf of Mr. Wiley. The Commission further authorized the execution of a certificate to accompany to the Governor's office a grant deed to the federal government covering 9573.11 acres of State lands in the Death Valley National Monument offered to the United States for government lands of equal area and value, selected in behalf of Mr. Wiley as above outlined. Said 9573.11 acres of State lands were accordingly conveyed to the United States by the State by grant deed executed by the Governor on November 22, 1949, and on February 17, 1950, the 9567.12 acres of government lands selected in behalf of Mr. Wiley were patented to the State by the United States.

On December 21, 1949, at Page 1053 of the Minutes, Item 27, S.W.O. 137 and S.W.O. 5207, at the request of Mr. Roland H. Wiley, the Commission authorized the selection of an additional 4400.73 acres of federal government land in the Pahrump Valley in accordance with Section 7405.1 of the Public Resources Code.

On December 28, 1949, pursuant to said authorization, the State's application to select 4400.73 acres of federal government land in T. 21 N., R. 10 E., and T. 22 N., R. 10 E., S.B.M., Inyo County, was filed in the office of the Bureau of Land Management at Sacramento and given Serial No. 642150.

On February 16, 1951, the Bureau of Land Management at Washington, D. C., advised that: "An examination of our records 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. 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 the exchange. There are no outstanding contests or protests of record. The requirements pertaining to the application contained in 43 CFR, Part 147, have been met, and pursuant to Sec. 2.63 (a) of departmental Order 2585 of August 16, 1950 (15 F.R. 5646), publication of this exchange is authorized."

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

Before the government land desired by Mr. Wiley will be patented to the State, it is necessary for the State to convey to the federal government by grant deed the 4400 acres of State lands in Death Valley National Monument offered in exchange.

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It appears that the Commission has never authorized the sale of the 4400.73 acres to Mr. Wiley, although the application was made by the State in his behalf. The land has been examined and it is the opinion of the staff that the minimum price of \$2.00 per acre for the entire area is the maximum value under the present conditions.

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