

Under Section 6891, Public Resources Code, a prospecting permit may be issued to a qualified applicant with no limit as to the acreage contained in the permit. Under Section 6895, Public Resources Code, a permittee may select up to 160 acres of land under permit for preferential mineral lease in the event of a commercially valuable discovery on the permit area, and provided that there are at least 160 acres in the permit.

Mr. Gillespie has now made application requesting that a modified joint permit be issued in lieu of the two existing permits, in order that the total of 120 acres of adjoining permit areas may be explored as a unit, without duplicate performance requirements. Exploration operations have been conducted to date on both permit areas by the permittee. These operations have been augmented by exploration sponsored by the U. S. Defense Minerals Exploration Authority in exploratory drilling on adjoining privately owned lands and aerial surveys conducted under the sponsorship of the Atomic Energy Commission.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Executive Officer is authorized to issue a prospecting permit to Mr. Clifford Gillespie in the standard form in lieu of existing Prospecting Permits P.R.C. 1251.2 and P.R.C. 1321.2. The permit is to provide that it will be effective until August 20, 1954, as to the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36, T. 10 N., R. 13 W., S.B.B. & M., Kern County, and to September 30, 1955, as to the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36, T. 10 N., R. 13 W., S.B.B. & M., Kern County.

6. (SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION NO. 4910, SACRAMENTO LAND DISTRICT, SAN BENITO COUNTY, WM. BUTTS AND HELEN BUTTS - S.W.O. 5548.) An offer has been received from Wm. Butts and Helen Butts of Hollister, California, to purchase the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6, T. 16 S., R. 3 E., M.D.M., containing 40 acres in San Benito County. Wm. Butts and Helen Butts made an offer of \$200, or \$5 per acre.

An inspection and appraisal by James K. Stonier, an independent appraiser, on November 28, 1953, sets the minimum value of the subject land at \$8 per acre.

Approximately 15 acres of the subject land is fairly good, open land with gentle slope, while the remainder is of medium to steep slope, mountainous and cut by canyons. The soil is of third quality, supporting sagebrush and pine. The land is fair for grazing purposes. The San Benito River, an intermittent stream, runs through one corner of the 40 acres. The land is not suitable for agriculture without artificial irrigation and has no possible reservoir site. It is accessible by an existing road. No merchantable timber exists.

Before the land was advertised for sale, Wm. Butts and Helen Butts were advised that the minimum appraised value was \$8 per acre. They posted the necessary amount to meet that value. The land was then advertised for sale with a stipulation that no offer of less than \$320 would be accepted. No other application was received pursuant to the advertising.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The sale is authorized of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6, T. 16 S., R. 3 E., M.D.M., containing 40 acres in San Benito County, to the single applicants, Wm. Butts and Helen Butts, at a cash price of \$320, subject to all statutory reservations including minerals.