

The Assessor of Riverside County advised that Lots 10 and 11 in the subject section are being assessed at \$10 per acre and Lots 6 and 12 and part of Lot 5 are being assessed at \$20 per acre.

An inspection and appraisal by a member of the Commission's Staff on October 31, 1953, sets the minimum value at \$20 per acre. Mr. Allen posted the necessary amount to meet this value. The subject land, situated at an elevation of 1,000 feet, lies in a cove adjacent to mountains. It is reasonably flat and level, extending slightly into the steep easterly slope. The soil is of third quality, is sandy and supports sparse desert growth. A small dam on adjoining land owned by the applicant causes partial flooding when the reservoir is full. The land contains no springs, is poor for grazing purposes and is not suitable for agriculture without artificial irrigation. There are no existing roads providing access to the land.

The State's application to select the land has been accepted by the Bureau of Land Management, subject to future approval and listing.

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

The sale is authorized of Lot 7 (or NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 24, T. 3 S., R. 3 E., S.B.M., containing 40 acres in Riverside County, to Stuart D. Allen at the appraised cash price of \$800, subject to all statutory reservations including minerals, upon the listing (conveyance) of said land to the State by the Federal Government.

18. (SALE OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND, OBTAINED THROUGH USE OF BASE, SCRIP APPLICATION NO. 4905, SACRAMENTO LAND DISTRICT, SANTA CLARA COUNTY, VERNE A. VENABLE - S.W.O. 5538.) An offer has been received from Verne A. Venable of San Jose, California, to purchase the W $\frac{1}{2}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 24, N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 25, Lot 6 (or SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of fractional Section 26, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, T. 7 S., R. 4 E., M.D.M., containing 500.74 acres in Santa Clara County. This land may be obtained by the State from the Federal Government through use of base. Mr. Venable made an offer of \$3,003.70, or \$5 per acre.

The Assessor of Santa Clara County has assessed land in the vicinity from \$2 to \$3 per acre, thus indicating the appraised value of the land in the vicinity to be from \$4 to \$6 per acre. The subject land is similar in character to contiguous land.

An inspection and appraisal by a member of the Commission's Staff on October 8 and 9, 1953, sets the minimum value at \$5 per acre. The subject land, situated at an elevation of from 2,500 to 3,000 feet, is rocky, mountainous and cut by canyons. The soil is of third quality and supports dense chaparral. The land contains no springs, is poor for grazing purposes and is not suitable for agriculture without artificial irrigation. It is accessible by an existing private road with locked gates.

The State's application to select the land has been accepted by the Bureau of Land Management, subject to future approval and listing.

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

The sale is authorized of the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  and  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 24,  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  and  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 25, Lot 6 (or  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ ) of fractional Section 26, and  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, T. 7 S., R. 4 E., M.D.M., containing 600.74 acres in Santa Clara County, to Verne A. Venable at the appraised cash price of \$3,003.70, subject to all statutory reservations including minerals, upon the listing (conveyance) of said land to the State by the Federal Government.

19. (APPLICATION TO DREDGE AND INSTALL PIPE LINES, SHELL CHEMICAL CORPORATION, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY - P.R.C. 387.1.) The Shell Chemical Corporation holds Lease P.R.C. 387.1 covering tide and submerged lands in Suisun Bay, Contra Costa County. Application has been received for permission to dredge approximately 7,000 cubic yards of material from Suisun Bay within the leased area adjacent to the pier now on the leased area, and to install on the pier a pipe line transporting ammonia for barge loading. The lease provides that the leased area shall be used only for lawful commercial purposes in connection with the lessee's chemical plant operation. The Staff considers that the proposed project falls within the use provided for, the cost being in excess of \$1,000.

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

The Executive Officer is authorized to grant permission to the Shell Chemical Corporation to dredge approximately 7,000 cubic yards of material from Suisun Bay adjacent to that corporation's pier and to install a pipe line on that pier.

20. (SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION, VENTURA COUNTY TO DEL NORTE COUNTY, RICHFIELD OIL CORPORATION - W.O. 1641, P.R.C. 903.1.) The Richfield Oil Corporation has made application for authorization to conduct submarine geophysical exploration operations on those tide and submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission lying in the area offshore between the Counties of Ventura and Del Norte, during the period March 15, 1954, to June 15, 1954. The Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte and the City of Santa Barbara were informed that this application was to be considered. The statutory filing fee has been paid by the applicant.

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

The Executive Officer is authorized to issue a permit, conforming to all operating conditions established by the Commission, to the Richfield Oil Corporation for the conduct of submarine geophysical exploration operations on those tide and submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission lying offshore in the Counties of Ventura to Del Norte, for the period March 15, 1954, to June 15, 1954, inclusive, the permittee to reimburse the Division of State Lands for all of its inspection costs. The permit is to be effective only as long as a concurrent permit by the Fish and Game Commission is in effect for the same operating area.