

MINUTE ITEM

9. (REJECTION OF SCHOOL LAND APPLICATION NO. 5232, SACRAMENTO LAND DISTRICT, GLENN COUNTY, JOHN R. T. KNIGHT - S.W.O. 6324.)

After presentation of Calendar Item 20 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION REJECTS APPLICATION NO. 5232 OF JOHN R. T. KNIGHT TO PURCHASE THE E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 16, T. 20 N., R. 6 W., M.D.M., CONTAINING 80 ACRES IN GLENN COUNTY, AND AUTHORIZES REFUND OF ALL DEPOSITS EXCEPT THE \$5.00 FILING FEE WHICH WAS EARNED AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION WAS FILED. FURTHER, SAID LAND IS WITHDRAWN FROM PUBLIC SALE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1958, AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES TO WORK OUT AN EXCHANGE OF THE SUBJECT LAND FOR OTHER VACANT FEDERAL LANDS.

Attachment

Calendar Item 20 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

MISCELLANEOUS

20.

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An offer has been received from John R. T. Knight of Torrance, California, to purchase the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, T. 20 N., R. 6 W., M.D.M., containing 80 acres in Glenn County. The applicant made an offer of \$160, or \$2 per acre.

Upon inspection of the land by a member of the staff for the purpose of arriving at the current day fair market value, it was found that the Stony Gorge Reservoir, constructed in 1928 by the United States Bureau of Reclamation, encroaches upon a portion of the land to the extent that approximately three acres are flooded at high water stage, and approximately one acre at low water stage. In addition, the dam may also encroach on the land through borings and anchorages at its base.

Upon learning the above, the regional office of the United States Bureau of Reclamation in Sacramento was contacted, and we are advised by correspondence that their records show no action on the part of the United States to acquire this land at the time the original project was established. We are also informed that the management of this reservoir area is under control of the Orland Unit Water Users' Association, while the United States Government holds title to the works through which the water is supplied to the Orland project. The Bureau states that it is essential to the interest of the United States, to the people of California, and most particularly to the water users of the Orland project that title to this land be vested in the United States. The Bureau has therefore requested that this land be withdrawn from public sale and that steps be taken to exchange it for other public domain in accordance with existing law and procedure. The matter of an exchange has been discussed informally with representatives of the Bureau of Land Management and it appears that an exchange of this land can be worked out.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION REJECT APPLICATION NO. 5232 OF JOHN R.T. KNIGHT TO PURCHASE THE E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 16, T. 20 N., R. 6 W., M.D.M., CONTAINING 80 ACRES IN GLENN COUNTY, AND AUTHORIZE REFUND OF ALL DEPOSITS EXCEPT THE \$5.00 FILING FEE WHICH WAS EARNED AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION WAS FILED. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION WITHDRAW SAID LAND FROM PUBLIC SALE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1958 AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES TO WORK OUT AN EXCHANGE OF THE SUBJECT LAND FOR OTHER VACANT FEDERAL LANDS.