

MINUTE ITEM

9. (SALE OF VACANT STATE SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION 11098, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, IMPERIAL COUNTY, CLAYTON A. DILLS - S.W.O. 6624.)

At the request of Mr. Clayton A. Dills, action was deferred on Calendar Item 12 attached until the next meeting of the Commission.

Attachment

Calendar Item 12 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND

12.

(SALE OF VACANT STATE SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION 11098, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, IMPERIAL COUNTY, CLAYTON A. DILLS - S.W.O. 6624.)

An offer was received from Mr. Clayton A. Dills of Gardena, California, on April 2, 1957, to purchase Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, $W\frac{1}{2}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ and $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, T. 12 S., R. 21 E., S.B.M., containing 485.79 acres in Imperial County. The applicant submitted the required minimum offer of \$2.00 per acre.

On July 1, 1957, an application (11161, Los Angeles Land District, S.W.O. 6704) was filed by the State of California, Department of Fish and Game, wherein the required minimum offer of \$2.00 per acre was made.

Subsequently, on July 12, 1957, a letter was received from the Department of Fish and Game, requesting withdrawal of the aforesaid land from public sale for sale to the Department. The reason given for the requested withdrawal is that the land borders on the Colorado River and embraces the mouth of Julian Wash. This land is reported to be (1) valuable in conjunction with the public lands for which the Department has already made requests for administrative jurisdiction; (2) strategically located and extremely valuable in the Department's plans for development and access to the Colorado River. Accordingly, the Department feels that it should be retained in State ownership.

All of the land is embraced within a first form reclamation withdrawal by the United States under Executive Order 8685, dated February 14, 1941. Such withdrawal allows the State to select other vacant unappropriated Federal lands in lieu thereof under the indemnity selection procedure and the land had been set aside for that purpose for many years. The State is not prohibited from selling the land. Under the increasing demand for desert lands within the past few years, the land has been made available for public purchase.

Section 6210.2 of the Public Resources Code states that "The Commission may withdraw from sale any of the public lands belonging to the State and may restore any or all public lands so withdrawn, or other public lands, for sale."

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT APPLICATION 11098, S.W.O. 6624, OF CLAYTON A. DILLS, FOR THE PURCHASE OF LOTS 2, 3, 4 AND 5, $W\frac{1}{2}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}$ OF $NE\frac{1}{4}$ AND $W\frac{1}{2}$ OF $NE\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 36, T. 12 S., R. 21 E., S.B.M., CONTAINING 485.79 ACRES IN IMPERIAL COUNTY, BE REJECTED AND ALL DEPOSITS REFUNDED EXCEPT THE \$5.00 FILING FEE, AND THAT SAID LAND BE WITHDRAWN FROM PUBLIC SALE UNTIL JUNE 30, 1958 FOR SALE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME UNDER APPLICATION 11161, S.W.O. 6704, AT THE APPRAISED MARKET VALUE WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING, SUBJECT TO ALL STATUTORY RESERVATIONS INCLUDING MINERALS.

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