

MINUTE ITEM

33. (USE OF AVAILABLE BASE LANDS FOR AMENDMENTS TO PENDING INDEMNITY SELECTION APPLICATIONS, PUBLIC LAW 85-771 (72 STAT. 928), APPROVED AUGUST 27, 1958 - GEN. DATA.)

After consideration of Calendar Item 37 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO UTILIZE THE APPROXIMATELY 15,000 ACRES OF BASE LANDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO THE STATE UNDER PUBLIC LAW 85-771 (72 STAT. 928), APPROVED AUGUST 27, 1958, AND OTHER BASE LANDS AS THEY MAY BECOME AVAILABLE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING AMENDMENTS TO INDEMNITY SELECTION APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY ON FILE WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.

Attachment

Calendar Item 37 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

MISCELLANEOUS

37.

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Calendar Item 36 reviewed the lands available to the State for offer to the United States as a result of enactment of Public Law 85-771 (72 Stat. 928), approved August 27, 1958. The base acreage available to which the State will be entitled as indemnity under this Act aggregates approximately 15,000 acres. This area is the total acreage of school sections (16 and 36), or portions thereof, of each township to which the State's title has not attached since the sections are unsurveyed at the present time, or were surveyed subsequent to a withdrawal order by the United States.

The Commission has currently pending with the United States indemnity selection applications embracing 37,927 acres. Some of the State acreage offered under these indemnity applications will undoubtedly be rejected in view of the federal act above referred to. As of this date, however, the State has not been informed by the Federal Government of the effect of this new Act on its pending selection applications. In anticipation of this determination, all applications containing questionable base lands have been ordered suspended by the Director of the United States Bureau of Land Management in Washington, D.C.

It is felt that the 15,000 acres above referred to should be used in amending existing indemnity selection applications to replace base lands unacceptable to the United States as a result of Public Law 85-771. All of the pending applications have been filed on behalf of individuals who have applied to the State for the selection of these lands in accordance with Section 2400 et seq., Title 2, California Administrative Code (Rules and Regulations of the State Lands Commission). In a few instances, however, individuals have cancelled their applications with the State, and the State has allowed its application to remain in good standing with the United States.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE AUTHORIZED TO UTILIZE THE APPROXIMATELY 15,000 ACRES OF BASE LANDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO THE STATE UNDER PUBLIC LAW 85-771 (72 STAT. 928), APPROVED AUGUST 27, 1958, AND OTHER BASE LANDS AS THEY MAY BECOME AVAILABLE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING AMENDMENTS TO INDEMNITY SELECTION APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY ON FILE WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.