

MINUTE ITEM

22. EVALUATION OF COMMISSION POLICY WITH RESPECT TO INVENTORY AND CLASSIFICATION OF STATE LANDS - W.O. 3590.

Commissioner Carr made a request, based on his interest as a member of the State Public Works Board and appropriations requiring approval of the Department of Finance, that consideration be given to withdrawing all State school lands from sale temporarily, for the purpose of preparing a detailed inventory as to the potentials of such lands for State agency use. He suggested that before any more State lands are sold, a detailed inventory should be made, the lands classified as to their potential State usage and underground water potential, and then the pertinent information be included in a data processing system for ready reference by all State agencies which might be interested.

The Executive Officer explained that an up-to-date listing of all State school lands was and is available at all times to the various State agencies and that whenever it is known that areas might have special usage, they are specifically called to the attention of such State agencies as might have an interest therein.

The Executive Officer suggested that the present staff should first undertake a feasibility study, and then report to the Director of Finance as to the types of classification studies which could be undertaken and the costs determined for an optimum program. He asked that consideration be given to exemption from any withdrawal order of all lands on the current calendar, as well as all parcels of lands on which applications are pending which have been filed in good faith.

In response to a question by the Chairman, Deputy Attorney General Jay L. Shavelson indicated that the suggested withdrawal would be permissible under Section 6210.2 of the Public Resources Code.

UPON MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER CARR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRANSTON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

1. EFFECTIVE AT 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1960, ALL VACANT STATE SCHOOL LANDS ARE WITHDRAWN FROM SALE, EXCEPT THOSE PARCELS ON WHICH APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE ARE CURRENTLY PENDING OR ARE FILED UP TO 5:00 P.M. OF THAT DATE, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED ON MAY 24, 1960, AND RECEIVED ON A DATE FOLLOWING WILL BE ACCEPTED AND FILED IF OTHERWISE QUALIFIED; HOWEVER, AN UNACCEPTABLE APPLICATION CANNOT BE PERFECTED AND FILED AT A LATER DATE. ALL LANDS WHICH FALL WITHIN THE EXCEPTED CATEGORY ARE TO REMAIN ON THE VARIOUS VACANT COUNTY LISTS, AND FURTHER APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE THESE LANDS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE USUAL MANNER. HOWEVER, ANY PARCEL WITHIN THIS GROUPING OF EXCEPTED LANDS IS TO BE CLEARED WITH INTERESTED STATE AGENCIES BEFORE ANY SPECIFIC CALENDAR ITEM IS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION.
2. THE COMMISSION STAFF IS TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE FEASIBILITY STUDY TO INVENTORY AND CLASSIFY STATE LANDS AND REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DETERMINE AND EFFECTUATE THE OPTIMUM PROGRAM.