

MINUTE ITEM

31. SELECTION OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND, LIEU LAND APPLICATION NO. 10648-B, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, GEORGE MCCARTHY - S.W.O. 5720.

After consideration of Calendar Item 3 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT IT IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE TO SELECT THE FEDERAL LAND EMBRACED IN LOT 2 OF THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 4, T. 3 N., R. 3 E., THE S $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 32 AND THE S $\frac{1}{2}$ OF S $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SECTION 33, T. 4 N., R. 3 E., S.B.M., CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 315.05 ACRES IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, AND APPROVES THE SELECTION OF THE SAID LAND.

Attachment
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CALENDAR ITEM

3.

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An offer was received from George McCarthy of Apple Valley, California, to purchase Lot 2 of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, T. 3 N., R. 3 E., the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32 and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 33, T. 4 N., R. 3 E., S.B.M., containing a total of 315.05 acres in San Bernardino County. The applicant made an offer of \$1,575.25, or \$5 per acre.

Subsequently, the applicant advised that he did not desire to proceed with acquisition of the land, and his application was cancelled at his request prior to completion of any appraisal work.

The land is located approximately 17 miles by road from Lucerne Valley in the southwest portion of Johnson Valley, and approximately 13 miles northeast of Big Bear City. A dirt road traverses the subject land from northwest to southeast, and Twenty-nine Palms Highway runs through the east portion of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 33. The water potential is good in this area. This is gradually sloping desert land with an elevation of approximately 3087 feet. Vegetative cover consists of sparse growth of mesquite and desert thorn. The highest and best use of the land is for desert homesites. There is a fair possibility that the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad may construct a line through Fry Valley, approximately 5 miles north, in order to handle iron ore deposits in the Fry Mountains.

The selection of the subject land is considered to be to the advantage of the State in that it will assist in satisfying deficiencies under the School Land Grant.

The State's application to select the land has been accepted by the Bureau of Land Management and the land was listed (conveyed) to the State on July 18, 1961.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINE THAT IT IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE TO SELECT THE FEDERAL LAND EMBRACED IN LOT 2 OF THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 4, T. 3 N., R. 3 E., THE S $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 32 AND THE S $\frac{1}{2}$ OF S $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SECTION 33, T. 4 N., R. 3 E., S.B.M., CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 315.05 ACRES IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, AND APPROVE THE SELECTION OF THE SAID LAND.