

MINUTE ITEM

31. SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION NO. 11588, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY; GEORGE D. La MOREE - S.W.O. 7564.

The Executive Officer reported that a request had been received from the Director of the Department of Fish and Game that the lands applied for by Mr. George D. La Moree be retained in public ownership. The Executive Officer recommended that action be withheld pending a determination by the Commission of a policy regarding land management and disposition.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED DEFERRING ACTION ON APPLICATION NO. 11588 OF GEORGE D. La MOREE TO PURCHASE VACANT STATE SCHOOL LAND IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY (FRACTIONAL SECTION 36, T. 7 N., R. 1 W., S.B.M.), WITH FINAL DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER THIS LAND SHOULD BE RETAINED IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, OR SOLD TO GEORGE D. La MOREE TO BE MADE IN CONSONANCE WITH THE LAND MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSITION POLICY TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION, A REPORT ON WHICH IS TO BE GIVEN TO THE COMMISSION BY THE STAFF NOT LATER THAN THE APRIL 1962 MEETING. MR. La MOREE IS TO BE GIVEN THE OPTION EITHER OF CANCELLING HIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVING A REFUND OF THE MONEYS WHICH HE HAS ON DEPOSIT, OR OF LEAVING HIS MONEYS ON DEPOSIT SO THAT HIS APPLICATION WILL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT IF IT SHOULD BE DETERMINED FINALLY THAT THE LANDS FOR WHICH HE HAS APPLIED SHOULD BE SOLD INTO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

Attachment

Calendar Item 1 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

1.

SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION NO. 11588, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, GEORGE D. La MOREE - S.W.O. 7564.

An offer has been received from George D. La Moree of Los Angeles, California, to purchase fractional Section 36, T. 7 N., R. 1 W., S.B.M., as shown on official U. S. plat of survey accepted May 29, 1920, containing 618.52 acres more or less, in San Bernardino County, for \$12,401.33, or \$20.05 per acre, the value established by a prior appraisal.

A staff appraisal shows that the land is not suitable for cultivation without artificial irrigation, and establishes its value at an average of \$42.50 per acre, for a total of \$26,287.10. The applicant deposited the necessary amount to meet this value.

The parcel is located approximately 16 miles north of Lucerne Valley and 19 miles south of Barstow. A county highway crosses the SW corner of the subject property. There is no surface water on the property; however, there is evidence of a spring near the SE corner and there is a previously drilled well lying within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ which could be easily developed. Vegetative cover consists principally of greasewood, saltbush and cactus. The elevation ranges between 3,880 and 4,680 feet. The terrain is level to rolling in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ and mountainous in the N $\frac{1}{2}$. The highest and best use of the parcel would be for seasonal recreational cabin sites.

The land was advertised for sale with a stipulation that bids must be in excess of \$26,287.10. No bids were received pursuant to advertising.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION FIND THAT FRACTIONAL SECTION 36, T. 7 N., R. 1 W., S.B.M., AS SHOWN ON OFFICIAL U. S. PLAT OF SURVEY ACCEPTED MAY 29, 1920, CONTAINING 618.52 ACRES MORE OR LESS, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CULTIVATION WITHOUT ARTIFICIAL IRRIGATION, AND AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SAID LAND, SUBJECT TO ALL STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESERVATIONS INCLUDING MINERALS, TO THE SOLE APPLICANT, GEORGE D. La MOREE, AT A CASH PRICE OF \$26,287.10.