

MINUTE ITEM

25. SELECTION OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND, LIEU LAND APPLICATION NO. 10735, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY - S.W.O. 5919.

After consideration of Calendar Item 5 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINES THAT IT IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE TO SELECT THE FEDERAL LAND EMBRACED IN LOTS 1 AND 2, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF NW $\frac{1}{4}$, AND SE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF NW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 31, T. 4 N., R. 1 E., S.B.M., AS SHOWN ON OFFICIAL UNITED STATES SUPPLEMENTAL PLAT OF SURVEY ACCEPTED AUGUST 1, 1916 (CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 157.81 ACRES), IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY; AND
2. APPROVES THE SELECTION OF THE LAND.

Attachment

Calendar Item 5 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

5.

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An offer was received from Nathaniel A. Bertram of Desert Hot Springs, California, to purchase Lots 1 and 2, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, T. 4 N., R. 1 E., S.B.M., as shown on the official United States supplemental plat of survey accepted August 1, 1916 (containing 157.81 acres) in San Bernardino County for \$789.05 (or an average of \$5 per acre).

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

THE PROPERTY

Location: In the southwest portion of San Bernardino County some 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ airline miles southeast of Lucerne Valley, a small desert community.

Access: Good; public roadway (dirt surface) traverses entire west boundary. This road intersects Highway 18, a paved county road located 2 miles to the north.

Terrain: Gentle, north slope, with minor surface irregularities. Elevation ranges between 3,540 and 3,400 feet.

Climate: Typical "High Desert" conditions, attractive to people the year around for permanent living, for health reasons, retirement and recreation.

Land Use in Area: A small residential area exists, with the town of Lucerne Valley as its core. Ranching has developed in the outlying area, extending to the north and east of town. Recreational cabins are scattered throughout the area on the south and southeast of the town.

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, subject to future approval and listing.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

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2. APPROVE THE SELECTION OF THE LAND.