

MINUTE ITEM

16. EXCHANGE APPLICATION NO. 65, DELBERT J. SARGENT, IMPERIAL COUNTY - S.W.O. 5729.

Pursuant to Calendar Item 9 attached, the Executive Officer reported that representatives of the County of Imperial were present at the meeting, and had reported by letter that, despite their attempts at negotiation and offer of lease, Mr. Sargent had not concurred or agreed with them on any details or even on general provisions of a lease. The Executive Officer also reported that as of 9:25 a.m. that morning, Mr. Sargent had telephoned and stated that he would not be present at the meeting and had asked for a continuance of the matter until the February meeting of the Commission.

During the discussion that followed, Mr. Fcote reported for Imperial County the urgent need for action, with particular reference to health and fire hazards in the county-owned area surrounding the mineral wells, and asked the Commission to make its decision at an early date.

The Commission agreed to hold a meeting in Sacramento on February 5, 1964, at 9:00 a.m., for the specific purpose of taking action on this matter, and instructed the staff to give Mr. Sargent immediate notice.

Attachment  
Calendar Item 9 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

9.

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At the Commission's meeting of November 6, 1963, in Los Angeles, an item was considered which involved an exchange application filed with the United States Bureau of Land Management for the benefit of Delbert J. Sargent. The County of Imperial had requested the Commission to cancel Mr. Sargent's exchange application for the reason that the County wished to acquire directly from the United States fee title to the land involved and to other lands so as to develop for public purposes the Hot Mineral Spa area in Imperial County.

The Commission, after considering the views presented both by Mr. Sargent and by representatives of the County, requested Mr. Sargent and County representatives to undertake negotiations looking toward the continuation, through a mutually satisfactory lease arrangement, of Mr. Sargent's tropical fish hatchery operation situated on a portion of the lands which are the subject of the exchange transaction.

At the request of both Mr. Sargent and the County representatives, the Commission, at its meeting of December 20, 1963, deferred consideration of the matter until its next regular meeting in January.

As of the time of preparation of this calendar item, the Division has been advised that negotiations between the parties have been undertaken and are continuing. Both Mr. Sargent and the County have been informed of the Commission meeting date, and it is expected that appearances will be made at the meeting to advise, in detail, of the progress made.