

MINUTE ITEM

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32. SALE OF VACANT STATE SCHOOL LAND, RIVERSIDE LAND DISTRICT, IMPERIAL COUNTY; STATE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, APP. NO. 74 - S.W.O. 8147.

After consideration of Calendar Item 1 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION:

1. FINDS THAT TRACT 37, T. 17 S., R. 9 E., S.B.M., CONTAINING 640 ACRES MORE OR LESS IN IMPERIAL COUNTY, IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CULTIVATION WITHOUT ARTIFICIAL IRRIGATION; AND
2. AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF SAID LAND, SUBJECT TO ALL STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESERVATIONS INCLUDING MINERALS, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, FOR THE TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE OF \$22,400, WITHOUT ADVERTISING, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 2302(a) OF THE COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS.

Attachment

Calendar Item 1 (1 page.)

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On June 4, 1965, an offer was received from the State Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, to purchase Tract 37, T. 17 S., R. 9 E., S.B.M., containing 640 acres more or less in Imperial County, at \$35 per acre.

THE PROPERTY

Location: On the east slope of the Jacumba Mountains, 33 miles west of El Centro and 85 miles east of San Diego.

Access: None at present to any part of the section from the freeway (formerly U.S. Highway 80, granted by easement issued February 29, 1940, pursuant to Chapter 672, Stats. 1931), which crosses over a portion of the north half. However, the appraised value assumes the pre-freeway condition, i.e., access to the remainder of the section outside of the right-of-way as it existed with U.S. Highway 80.

Water: None

Terrain: Mountainous, rocky, steep to very steep slope.

Elevation: 1,800' to 2,500'.

Cover: Some scattered desert shrubs in the washes.

Highest and Best Use: Desert recreation.

A staff appraisal indicates that the land is not suitable for cultivation without artificial irrigation, and establishes the value at an average of \$35 per acre (\$22,400 total) for the parcel, which is consistent with the offer contained in the initial application of the Division of Highways.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

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