

49. ACQUISITION OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND ON BEHALF OF CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION - S.W.O. 8357.

After consideration of Calendar Item 44 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES:

1. NEGOTIATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VACANT FEDERAL LANDS DESIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR ROUNDING OUT OF THE PRESENT MOUNT ST. HELENA STATE PARK IN NAPA COUNTY; AND
2. THE FILING WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, UPON IDENTIFICATION OF THE LANDS BY PROPER LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS, OF THE REQUISITE INDEMNITY OR EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS TO ACCOMPLISH THE ACQUISITIONS SUBJECT TO RECEIPT OF A COMMITMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION THAT IT (A) AGREES TO REIMBURSE THE COMMISSION FOR ALL COSTS INCIDENT TO ANY SUCH ACQUISITION; AND (B) AGREES TO PURCHASE FROM THE COMMISSION AT THE APPRAISED FAIR MARKET VALUE FOLLOWING ACQUISITION OF TITLE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Attachment

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44.

PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND ON BEHALF OF CALIFORNIA STATE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION - S.W.O. 8357

In cooperation with the County of Napa and the United States Bureau of Land Management, the State Department of Parks and Recreation is proposing the acquisition of additional land in Napa County for the rounding out of the presently existing Mount St. Helena State Park. The State Park and Recreation Commission, by resolution adopted April 12, 1968, has authorized the Director of the Department to undertake negotiations relating to the acquisition of both State and Federal lands in the area.

The acquisition of Federal lands on behalf of State and other public entities is authorized through either the exchange or indemnity selection procedures of the Commission, subject to:

1. Advance Commission approval of any transaction proposed by a public agency.
2. The availability of funds to cover the Commission's costs for any such transaction.
3. A firm commitment by the public agency that it will purchase at market value following acquisition by the Commission of title from the United States.

While these prerequisites have not been met to date, the matter is calendared at this time to permit negotiations between the staff and representatives of the Park and Recreation Commission for the purpose of finalizing any proposals and to obtain proper authorization to proceed with the filing of the requisite applications with the United States Bureau of Land Management for acquisition of the lands involved.

Currently the area of Federal land considered for inclusion in the project ranges from 2,600 to 4,650 acres. Following acquisition of title to any of the lands from the United States, it is contemplated the Department of Parks and Recreation will purchase at the appraised fair market value at time of sale.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE:

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