

MINUTE ITEM

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26. APPROVAL OF W. S. GOOKIN AS A QUALIFIED ENGINEER TO SURVEY AND MAP THE WEST BOUNDARY OF THE SOVEREIGN LANDS OF CALIFORNIA IN THE BED OF THE COLORADO RIVER AS DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 447 OF THE STATUTES OF 1971 - AB 1168.

After consideration of Calendar Item 20 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION APPROVES W. S. GOOKIN TO SURVEY AND MAP THE BOUNDARY ALONG THE WEST BANK OF THE COLORADO RIVER AS DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 447 OF THE STATUTES OF 1971.

Attachment:

Calendar Item 20 (1 page)

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Chapter 447 of the Statutes of 1971 is intended to resolve certain boundary and title problems and the location of the boundary between lands owned by the State by virtue of its sovereignty and adjoining uplands, on the basis of the present location of the Colorado River.

The provisions of Section 2 of Ch. 447 will be operative after several events have occurred. First a metes and bounds survey must be made and a map filed in the official records of the County Recorder of Riverside County showing the west bank line of the Colorado River between several river points. This west bank line is depicted on the Boundary Maps on a copy of Exhibit "A" to the "Interstate Compact defining the Boundary between the States of Arizona and California," a copy of which document is on file in the office of the State Lands Commission. The survey and map are to be made and prepared without cost to the State under the direction of an engineer or surveyor duly licensed to practice in the State of California. The engineer or surveyor chosen must be satisfactory to both the State Lands Commission and the aforesaid owners. An agreement or agreements must be executed between the State and owners of adjoining uplands that such surveyed west bank line constitutes the landward boundary of lands owned by the State of California by virtue of its sovereignty and the waterward boundary of the owners of the adjoining upland. This survey and proposed agreement or agreements executed by 85 percent, by lineal feet of waterfront, of the owners of record of the upland parcels adjoining the west bank of the Colorado River between the aforesaid river points shall be delivered to the State Lands Commission within six months from the designation of the engineer or surveyor who is to make the survey.

Mr. W. S. Gookin, a professional engineer of the engineering firm of W. S. Gookin & Associates, Scottsdale, Arizona, is licensed to practice civil engineering in California (RE 15112), and has been recommended by the owners to survey and map the boundary along the west bank line in accordance with instructions set forth in State Lands Division letter of June 22, 1971. The qualifications of Mr. Gookin are known to the State Lands Division by reason of prior joint work for the Colorado River Boundary Commission.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE W. S. GOOKIN TO SURVEY AND MAP THE BOUNDARY ALONG THE WEST BANK OF THE COLORADO RIVER AS DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 447 OF THE STATUTES OF 1971.