

11. PERMITS TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, VACANT SCHOOL LAND, SURPRISE VALLEY, MODOC COUNTY; AMERICAN THERMAL RESOURCES, INC. - W 9331, PRC 4739.2, PRC 4740.2.

After consideration of Calendar Item 9 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION:

1. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6371 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 91 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF, FINDS THAT THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES IN THE AREAS UNDER APPLICATION WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT DETRIMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT.
2. APPROVES THE AMENDMENT OF THE FORM OF PERMIT TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES (FORM 31.2, REV. 5/69) TO PROVIDE THAT NO PREFERENTIAL LEASE WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL AN ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT COVERING THE COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF THE OPERATIONS IS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.
3. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6904 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE TO AMERICAN THERMAL RESOURCES, INC., OF TWO PERMITS TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ON THOSE STATE SCHOOL LANDS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL A: SECTION 16 (ALL), TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 17 EAST, M.D.M., MODOC COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, CONTAINING 640 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

PARCEL B: NE¼ OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 17 EAST, M.D.M., MODOC COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, CONTAINING 160 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

THE PERMITS ARE TO BE ISSUED FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 29, 1973, THROUGH MARCH 28, 1976, UTILIZING THE STANDARD FORM OF PERMIT APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON MAY 29, 1969 (MINUTE ITEM 44, PAGE 649), AS AMENDED ABOVE; SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS INCORPORATED IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 91 AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

Attachment:

Calendar Item 9 (2 pages)

CALENDAR ITEM

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APPLICATION FOR
PERMITS TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

APPLICANT: American Thermal Resources, Inc.
LOCATION: Surprise Valley, Modoc County.
TYPE OF LAND: Vacant school land.
ACREAGE: Parcel A: 640 acres more or less
Parcel B: 160 acres more or less
Total: 800 acres more or less.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

- a. Application approved by the office of Attorney General.
- b. Land has not been classified as known geothermal resources land.
- c. Statutory filing fee, permit fee and expense deposit have been submitted by the applicant.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Pursuant to Section 6371 of the Public Resources Code, Environmental Impact Report No. 91 has been prepared and is on file in the office of the Commission, available for public review, and by reference made a part hereof. The report, covering exploratory operations, concludes that the proposed prospecting operations will not have a significant detrimental environmental effect. Upon discovery of geothermal resources the preferential right to convert the permits into geothermal leases will be subject to additional environmental impact reports covering the proposed commercial operations.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

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CALENDAR ITEM NO. 9. (CONTD)

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