MINUTE ITEM

36. AUTHORIZATION TO FILE QUIET TITLE ACTION TO CLARIFY BOUNDARY DISPUTE ON THE AMERICAN RIVER NEAR SARAH COURT, SACRAMENTO COUNTY - N 47.

After consideration of Calendar Item 35 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE STAFF OF THE STATE LANDS DIVISION AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS, INCLUDING LITIGATION, TO RESOLVE THE TITLE AND BOUNDARY PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE AMERICAN RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF SARAH COURT, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

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Since 1970, private upland owners in the vicinity of Sarah Court have been claiming ownership of sovereign lands located within the bed of the American River. This boundary dispute has resulted in litigation brought by private parties against the upland owners. There have been numerous complaints to local police authorities to arrest members of the public who have been using the American River, its bed, and islands within the American River for public recreation purposes. This threat of arrest and ejectment is of a continuing nature and will not be resolved until the boundaries of the State's sovereign interest along the American River are finally determined.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE STAFF OF THE STATE LANDS DIVISION AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS, INCLUDING LITIGATION, TO RESOLVE THE TITLE AND BOUNDARY PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE AMERICAN RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF SARAH COURT, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.