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35. LAND EXCHANGE AT FORT MACARTHUR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY - S 5149,  
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After consideration of Calendar Item 33 attached, and upon motion  
duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION PRELIMINARILY APPROVES ACQUISITION OF FEDERAL LAND  
AT FORT MACARTHUR IN EXCHANGE FOR STATE SCHOOL LANDS WITHIN DEATH  
VALLEY AND JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENTS SUBJECT TO FURTHER STAFF  
INVESTIGATION OF COMPARATIVE VALUES AND OF SUITABILITY FOR THE  
STATEWIDE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

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For many years, commencing in 1948, the National Park Service has been interested in acquiring, through exchange, State school lands that lie within Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Monuments. Over the years, several possible exchanges have been explored involving lands held by other Federal Agencies. These efforts have been frustrated due to conflicts with the land management programs of the holding agency or other Federal Agencies desiring the lands for their own programs.

The State school lands totalling 13, 510 acres in Death Valley and 7,850 acres in Joshua Tree National Monument are remote, scattered, mostly without access and with limited utility due to the restricted "wilderness" management of the surrounding Federal lands. It would therefore be a decided advantage to the State to acquire a consolidated property of greater utility in exchange for its scattered tracts that are difficult, if not impossible, to manage.

The National Park Service has advised the Division of the possible availability of Federal property now within Fort MacArthur at San Pedro, some or all of which may be suitable for exchange. Upon preliminary review of maps and information available to the Division, it appears three parcels totalling 315 acres with ocean frontage may be desirable.

In order that the National Park Service may be in a better position to obtain a "hold" on these lands for exchange purposes, they have requested a formal indication of interest from the Commission.

EXHIBIT: A. Site Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION PRELIMINARILY APPROVE ACQUISITION OF FEDERAL LAND AT FORT MACARTHUR IN EXCHANGE FOR STATE SCHOOL LANDS WITHIN DEATH VALLEY AND JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENTS SUBJECT TO FURTHER STAFF INVESTIGATION OF COMPARATIVE VALUES AND OF SUITABILITY FOR THE STATEWIDE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

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