

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C 11
Was approved by Minute Item
No. 11 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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meeting.

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AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY FOR
THE REFORESTATION OF SCHOOL LANDS; PORTIONS OF
SECTION 16, T 25 N, R 15 E, AND SECTION 16, T 23 N,
R 8 E, MDM, PLUMAS COUNTY

In June, 1974, the Ferris Fire burned over 3,000 acres in eastern Plumas County. Included within the burn were 360 acres of forested vacant State school land in Section 16, T 25 N, R 15 E, MDM. Subsequently, the Commission authorized the sale of 2,361 MBF of fire-killed timber which was removed in the Fall of 1974. Reforestation of the site will require artificial planting because of the lack of a natural seed source. Contact with the Department of Forestry has resulted in an estimated cost of planting, utilizing California Conservation Corps crews, at \$6,000. This is approximately 1/3 of the normal planting cost.

Also in June, 1974, 30 acres of forested State school land in the SE 1/4, Section 16, T 23 N, R 8E, MDM, located approximately 25 miles southwest of Quincy was clear-cut in trespass. The Commission has subsequently accepted payment for the value of the timber removed. Also, as part of the settlement of the trespass action, the U.S. Forest has agreed to pay \$2,000 for the reforestation of the cut-over area. The Department of Forestry has also indicated interest in planting this site.

It will be considerably less costly and seedling survival will be greater if the planting can be done before competing brush invades these burned and cut-over sites.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, in that it falls within the purview of the Secretary for Resources categorical exemption Class 9, which exempts actions by regulatory agencies for protection of the environment.
2. This project is situated on school lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code 6370.1, and is classified in a use category, Class A, which authorizes Restricted Use. This was the result of the nomination received from Plumas County. The nomination concerned wildlife values.

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3. Division staff feels the reforestation of the two parcels will have a beneficial impact on the identified significant environmental values.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH REPORT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PRC 21085, 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15100 ET SEQ., AND 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2907 (CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS).
2. FIND THAT THE AUTHORIZATION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR REFORESTATION WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT UPON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6370.1, OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE.
3. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY TO PROVIDE FOR REFORESTATION OF THE BURNED-OVER AREA IN SECTION 16, T 25 N, R 15 E, MDM, AND THE CUT-OVER AREA IN SE 1/4, SECTION 16, T 23 N, R 8 E, MDM, PLUMAS COUNTY, FOR A TOTAL COST NOT EXCEEDING \$8,000.