

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 22

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WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION TO THE MOTION PICTURE
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR COMMERCIAL FILMING

BACKGROUND:

AB 1127 (Rosenthal), signed into law on July 11, 1977, amended Section 14998 of the Government Code relating to the Motion Picture Development Council (M.P.D.C.). In brief, the code now provides for the M.P.D.C. to issue permits and establish fees to be paid to the M.P.D.C. for the use of State-owned property. All fees collected are to be deposited in the Motion Picture Development Council Account for disbursement by the Council to reimburse the operating State departments for their actual additional costs in providing necessary permits.

AB 1127 requires that the Director of General Services approve the M.P.D.C. application for filming on State-owned properties within 30 days, or the applications are deemed approved. It further states that "any State agency having management and control over State property, the use of which is sought by such application, shall permit such property to be used for the purpose of making motion pictures upon approval by the Director of General Services and the payment of the fee established by the Motion Picture Development Council."

The filming activity generally requires the use of State land for a period of a week or so. The intent of the M.P.D.C. activities as described by its Executive Director, is to provide an expeditious permit process for film makers thereby encouraging the expenditures of commercial dollars and enhancing the opportunity for employment within California.

STAFF SUMMARY:

In light of the proposed commercial benefits to the people of California, through increased employment and retail expenditures at the

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filming location, staff feels it may be in the best interests of the Commission to delegate to the Executive Officer of the State Lands Commission (or his designee) the authority to issue a short-term "letter of permission" for the temporary use of State Land for filming purposes. This type authorization would be in lieu of the regular permit process, thereby allowing staff to respond to the short lead time usually available and also to facilitate the Legislature's mandate for immediate clearances for filming on State properties.

EXHIBIT: A. Proposed Procedures.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE PROCEDURE AS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A".

Attachment: Exhibit "A"

EXHIBIT "A"
PROPOSED PROCEDURES

1. M.P.D.C. notifies Commission's Staff of the location and dates for filming activities.
2. Staff determines if there are any active State leases on the lands proposed to be used.
 - A. If so, permission from State's lessee must be obtained.
 - B. If not, Executive Officer (or his designee) may issue the authorization letter.
3. Letter is issued by Executive Officer (or his designee) to M.P.D.C. authorizing the filming for the stated time period, as provided by the M.P.D.C. and requests the payment of estimated processing costs to the State Lands Commission's Staff. Insurance, bond and site restoration are requisites that will be met by the filming company.
4. All such authorizations for filming issued since the last regularly-scheduled meeting will be reported to the Commission in the calendar.