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## AUTHORIZATION TO MODIFY A LAND EXCHANGE WITH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

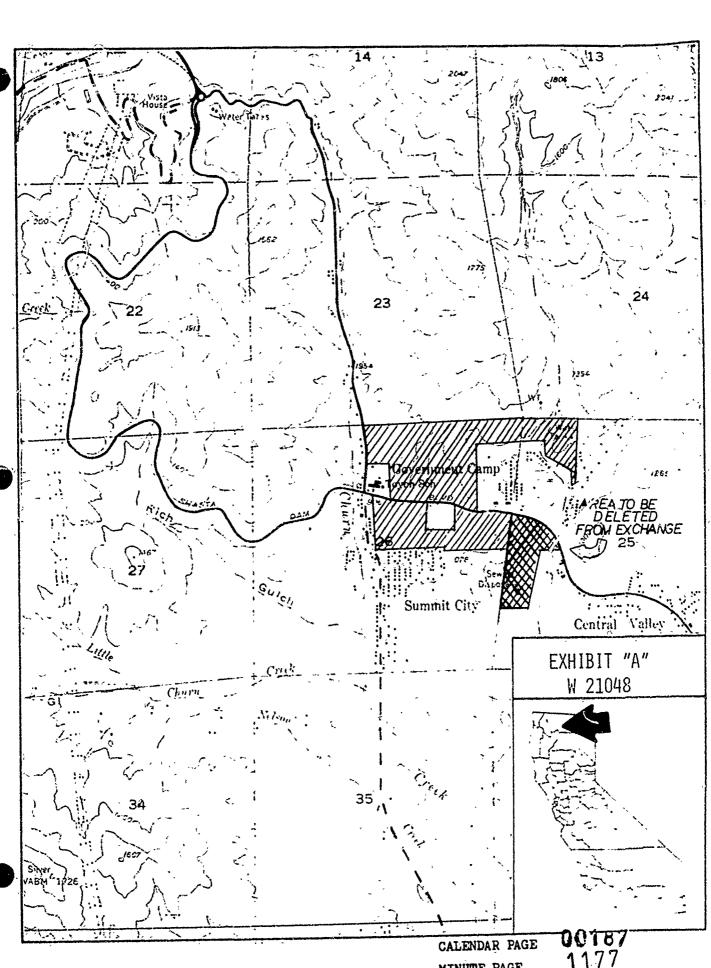
At its October, 1978 meeting, the Commission authorized the exchange of 480 acres of State school land within Joshua Tree National Monument for 189 acres of surplus federal land near Summit City, Shasta County. The Commission found that the transaction would meet all statutory requirements including equal value and environmental protection. Subsequent to Commission authorization, the staff has made further investigation of the property to be acquired. This investigation has revealed that a 29.5 acre portion of the federal land heavily encumbered with easements, encroachments, sewer ponds and adverse topography should not be acquired by the State. The remaining 159.5 acres appear to be free of detrimental encumbrances and extended coverage title insurance will not be required. A staff reappraisal concludes that the equal value requirement will be met if the 29.5 acre area is deleted from the exchange since the encumbrances noted above render the 29.5 acre parcel of very low value.

EXHIBIT:

A. Site Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE MODIFICATION OF THE LAND EXCHANGE AUTHORIZED AS MINUTE ITEM 15, OCTOBER 26, 1978 TO DELETE THE ACQUISITION OF A 29.5 ACRE PORTION OF THE FEDERAL LAND IN SHASTA COUNTY AND PROCEED WITH THE TRANSACTION TO ACQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 159.5 ACRES OF FEDERAL LAND AT TOYON, SHASTA COUNTY IN EXCHANGE FOR 480 ACRES OF STATE SCHOOL LAND IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

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