MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was approved as Minute Item to \_\_\_\_\_ by the State Lands Commission by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ at its \_\_\_\_\_ meeting:

CALENDAR ITEM

C8.

2/80 W 22068 Chatfield PRC 5798.2

GRAZING LEASE

APPLICANT:

Robert M. and Margie Ashurst

P.O. Box 650

Nevada City, California 95959

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

Approximately 800 acres of School lands.

in Lassen County.

LAND USE:

Experimental Range Improvement, including

fencing and seeding of various forage species.

TERMS OF PROPOSED LEASE:

Initial Period:

10 years from February 1,

1980.

Public liability insurance: Combined single

limit coverage of \$50,000.

Special:

No grazing for two years

to permit re-establishment

of forage.

CONSIDERATION:

\$51.03 per annum with the State reserving the right to fix a different rental on

each fifth anniversary of the lease.

BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Other comparable grazing fees on adjacent

federal land.

PREREQUISITE TERMS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

Filing fee has been received.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Parts 1 & 2.

B. Cal. Adm. Code: Title 2, Div. 3.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. A negative declaration was prepared by the Commission's staff pursuant to CEQA and implementing regulations.

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- 2. This project is situated on school lands not identified as possessing significant environmental values. A staff review of available environmental information indicates no reason to identify the subject school land parcel as having such values at this time.
- over grazed by free-roaming cattle.

  Applicant will, at his own expense, fence the parcel to exclude grazing, and seed with various species of forage, letting it lie ungrazed for two years to allow re-establishment of forage. Thereafter, grazing will be limited to the extent necessary to maintain its forage productivity. The rental will be adjusted at the five-year rent review to reflect the improved condition expected by the applicant.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Legal Description.
- B. Location Map.
- C. Negative Declaration.

### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

- 1. DETERMINE THAT AN EIR HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT BUT THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION'S STAFF.
- 2. CERTIFY THAT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 247 HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CEQA OF 1970, AS AMENDED, AND THE STATE EIR GUIDELINES, AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
- 3. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
- 4. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO ROBERT M. AND MARGIE ASHURST
  OF A 10-YEAR GRAZING LEASE AND EXPERIMENTAL RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1980; IN CONSIDERATION
  OF ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51.03, WITH THE STATE
  RESERVING THE RIGHT TO FIX A DIFFERENT RENTAL ON EACH
  FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEASE; PROVISION OF PUBLIC
  LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT COVERAGE
  OF \$50,000. NO GRAZING FOR TWO YEARS TO ALLOW RE-ESTABLISH-

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MENT OF FORAGE: THEREAFTER, GRAZING NO MORE THAN GARRYING CAPACITY FOR EXPERIMENTAL RANGE IMPROVEMENT INCLUDING FENCING AND SEEDING OF VARIOUS FORAGE SPECIES ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

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EXHIBIT "A"

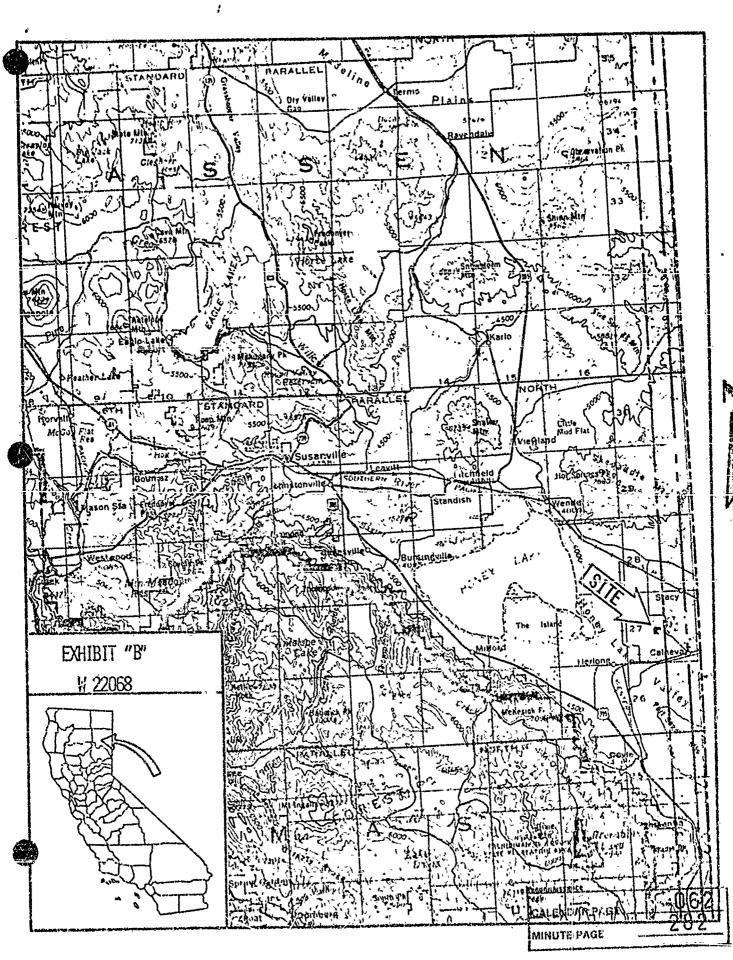
Those State-owned lieu lands in the vicinity of Honey Lake, Lassen County, California, described as follows:

All of Section 22 and the NW 1/4 of Section 23, T27N, R17E, MDM.

#### END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED 2/7/80 BY TECHNICAL SERVICES UNIT, ROY MINNICK, SUPERVISOR.

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#### STATE LANDS COMMISSION

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE 1807 - 13th Street Sacramento, California 55814

WILLIAM F. NORTHROP Executive Officer

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### NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Robert Ashurst Project Applicant:

P. O. Box 650

Nevada City, CA 95959

Section 22, T 27 N, R 17 E, MDM. Ten miles north of Doyle and four miles northeast of Project Location:

Herlong, Lassen County.

Project Description: The applicant is proposing to (1) fence the

perimeter of the parcel with two-strand, 4 ft. high wire; (2) plant rye, oat, buffalo grass and canary grass seed by scattering it over the parcel during the rainy season; and

(3) eventually (approximately two years after seeding) the parcel will be used for small scale grazing (less than 25 head).

This NEGATIVE DECLARATION is prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Galifornia Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000 et. seq. of the Public Resources Code), the State EIR Guidelines (Title 14, Section 15000 et. sey. of California Administrative Code), and the State Lands Commission regulations (Section 2901 et. seq. of California Administrative Code).

Based upon the attached Initial Study, it has been found that:

the project will not have a significant effect on the /X/ environment.

the mitigation measures included in the project will avoid potentially significant effects.

Contact Person:

Ted Fukushima

State Lands Commission

1807-13th Street

Sacramento, CA 95814 Telephone: (916), 322-7813

#### DETERMINATION

An initial study has been prepared and it is determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect upon the environment.

- 1. There will be no signiticant growth inducing impacts, inefficient energy consumption, air, water or noise pollution, or solid waste problems created as a result of implementation of this project.
- 2. There will be minimal impacts upon fish and wildlife.
- 3. No park lands, recreational areas, or historic and archaeological sites will be affected by the proposal.
- 4. No public services or utilities will be significantly affected by the proposal.
- 5. The proposed project will not narrow the range of beneficial uses of the environment or pose long-term risks to public health or safety.

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I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION



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## INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

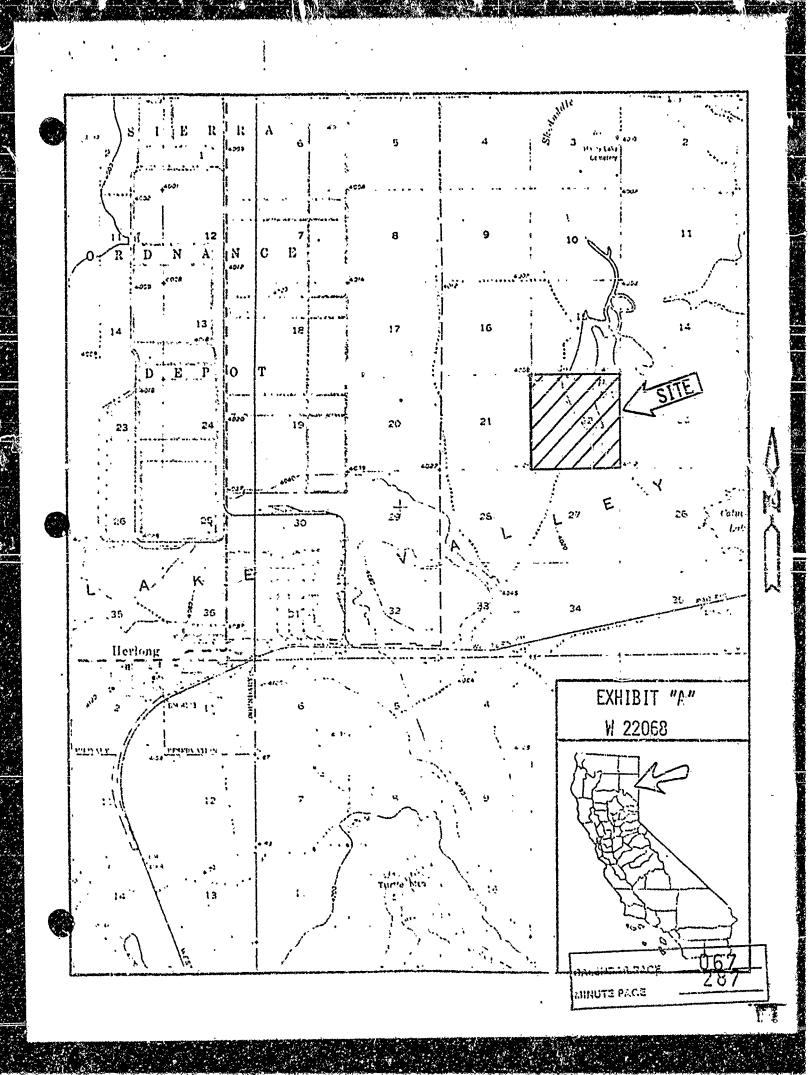
A.	Applicant:	Robert Ashurst
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n.	Checklist D	ate: 7/16/79.
Ģ.	Contact Fer	soni, Linda Martinez
	Teleph	one: (916) 322-7803
r	Furpose: P	lanting of grazing grasses and eventually small scale
	cattle	grazing.
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E.	Location:	Section 22, T 27 N, R 17 E, MDM. The parcel, which is in
	Lassen	County, is approximately ten miles north of Doyle and 4 miles
	northeas	st of Herlong.
F.	Description	The applicant is proposing to fence, plant and eventually
	· utilize	the parcel of state-owned land for cattle grazing. The pro st
	as prop	osed, will include:
	Barb	ed wire fencing of the entire parcel perimeter with two-strand,

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## F. Description (cont.)

4 ft. high wire fencing. Two gates will be included in the fencing.
One gate will cross Duck Lake Rd. and the other gate will provide access between the state-owned parcel and the adjacent land owned by the applicant. Rye, oat, buffalo grass and canary grass seed will be scattered over the parcel during the rainy season. Existing vegetation, which is sparse, will not be removed, and the parcel will not be plowed or irrigated. Since it is entimated that two years will be required to allow the grass to reach a stage capable of supporting cattle grazing, the fencing is required to restrict free roaming cattle from over-grazing the parcel and destroying the newly planted seed. A representative of the Department of Fish and Game has indicated the fencing will not significantly adversely affect deer known to inhabit the area.

-- Cattle owned by the applicant will be permitted to graze the parcel once the grasses are capable of supporting such activity (approximately two years after seeding). Here size is not likely to exceed 25 head. The cattle will graze the parcel approximately six mounts out of the year, during which time water will be available on the applicant's adjoining parcel.



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			Courthouse Annex, Susanville CA '96130; John Hayes,			
		*	and Game, P. O. Box 1480, Redding CA 96001; Ken Co			W1
		•	Fish and Game, 1405 North Street, Susanville CA 96		,	
l			Agricultural Adviser, Memorial Building, Susanvill	e CA 961	30; Dick	
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			Unstable earth conditions or in changes in geologic substructures?			E,
		2.	Disruptions, displacements, compaction, or overcovering of the soil?	/X/		
		3.	Change in topography or ground surface relief features?		<b></b>	ZX.
•		4.	The destruction, covering, or modification of any unique geologic or physical feature			<u> </u>
		5.	Any increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site?			ZX.
<i>3</i>	•	· 6.	Changes in deposition or crosion of beach sands, or changes in siltation, deposition or erosion which may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed of the ocean or any bay, inlet, or lake?			<u> </u>
		<b>7.</b>	Exposure of people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, mudslides, ground failure, or similar haza			<u> </u>
	В.	Air	. Will the proposal result in:		•	
		8.	Substantial air ommissions or deteriora- tion of ambient air quality?			
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•	9.	The creatic of objectionable coors?			
•	•	Alteration of air movement, moisture or temperature, or any change in climate, eather locally or regionally?		<i>□</i> .	<u> Z</u>
c.	Wate	r. Will the proposal result in:	· ·	•	
	x	Changes in the currents, or the course or direction of water movements, in either marine or fresh waters?			<u>D</u>
···-	12.	Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface water runoff?			
		Alterations to the course or flow of flood waters?			
*.	14.	Change in the amount of surface water in any water body?		Ø	
• •	15.	Discharge into surface waters, or in any elteration of surface water quality, including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?			
	16.	Alteration of the direction or rate of flow of ground waters?			ZZ/
•	17.	Change in the quantity of ground waters, either through direct additions or with-drawals, or through interception of an aquifor by cuts on excevations?	<i>_</i>		
:	18.	Substantial reduction in the amount of water otherwise available for public water supplies?		□	
•	19.	Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding or tidal waves?			
De	Plan	nt Life. Will the proposal result in:			
	20.	Change in the diversity of species, or number of any species of plants (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, and aquatic plants)?			
	21.	Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of plants?			\(\overline{x}\)
•	22,	Introduction of new species of plants into an area, or in a barrier to the normal replenishment of existing species?			
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•	23.	Reduction in acreage of any agricultural crop?			Ø7
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	25.	Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of animals?			X
	<b>26.</b>	Introduction of new species of animals into an area, or result in a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?			X)
	27.	Deterioration to existing fish or wildlife he litat?	口		ZZ
F.	Noi	in. Will the proposal result in:	,		
٠.		Increase in existing noise levels			X
	29.	Exposure of people to severe noise levels?			[X]
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		The production of new light or glare?			<b>X</b>
H.	Lari	d Use. Will the proposal result in:			•
-	31.	A substantial alteration of the present or planned land use of an area?			<b>[X]</b>
'n.	Nat	ural Resources. Will the proposal result i	n:		•
	.32.	Increase in the rate of use of any natural resources?			[X]
•	33.	Substantial depletion of any nonrenewable resources?			
J.	Ris	k of Upset. Will the proposal result in:		•	
•	34.	The involvement of a risk of an explosion or the release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to, oil, pesticides, chemicals, or radiation) in the evof an accident or upset conditions?	•		<b>Ĭ</b>
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	<b>3</b> 5.	or growth rate of the human population of			<u> </u>
		the area?	c	Alendar Page	070
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L.	<u> Hous</u>	ing. Will the proposal result in:			
	36.	Affecting existing housing, or create a demand for additional housing?			
M.	Tran resu	sportation/Circulation. Will the proposallt in:			
	37.	Generation of substantial additional vehiscular movement?			
	38.	Affecting existing parking facilities, or create a demand for new parking?		·	
•	39.	Substantial impact upon existing trans- portation systems?	lucini.		<u>Z</u>
	40.	Alterations to present patterns of circulation or movement of people and/or goods?			Æ7
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,	<b>42.</b>	Increase in traffic hazards to motor vehi- cles, bicyclists, or pedestrians ?			Ø
n.	effe alte	lic Services. Will the proposal have an ect upon, or result in a need for new or ered governmental services in any of the lowing areas:			
•	43.	Fire protection? .			<u>A</u>
	44.	Police protection?			
	45.	Schools?			
	46.	Parks and other recreational fasilities?			
	47.	Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?			X7
	48.	Other governmental services?			<u> </u>
o.	Ene	rgy. Will the proposal result in:			
	49.	Use of substantial amounts of fuel or energy?			<b>X</b> 7
	50.	Substantial increase in demand upon existing sources of energy, or require the development of new sources of energy?			<u> Z</u>

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•	62.	Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major perioof California history or prehistory?	p i- ds		. 072
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	61.	An alteration of a significant archeological or historical site, structure, object,			[x]
T.	Arc	heclogical/Historical. Will the proposal ult in:		*	
Ş.	Rec 60.	reation. Will the proposal result in:  An impact upon the quality or quantity of existing recreational opportunities?		<i></i>	<b>₹</b>
		open to the public, or will the proposal result in the creation of an aesthetically offensive site open to public view?		[x]	
R.	Aes	thics. Will the proposal result in:		فسنسين	********
•	58.	Exposure of people to potential health hazards?			
		Creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard (excluding mental health)?			<b>∠</b> X
Q.		an Health. Will the proposal result in:	*		•
, '		Solid waste and disposal?			$\square$
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63.	Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals?			[X]
64 .	Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?			<u>(</u> *7
65.	Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?			Œ]

## III. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

- 2. Construction of the fence will require minor displacement of soil for placement of the fence posts.
- 20. Rye, cats, buffalo grass, and canary grass will be introduced through seeding.
- 22. Existing vegetation, which is sparse, will not be removed.
- 24. Introduction of the grasses at the parcel may attract wildlife. It is anticipated that deen, in particular, will find the habitat inviting.
- 59. Although the fence could be a visual obstruction, the location of the parcel makes it unlikely that public viewing of the area will be adversely affected.

The applicant's reason for planting the parcel is not solely for cattle grazing, the attraction and support of wildlife in the area is of equal importance. Through minor landscaping of his own parcel (adjacent to the subject site)the applica has encouraged improved wildlife habitat and has witnessed several animals in the area as a result, particularly deer. It is anticipated the proposed project will further enhance wildlife habitat in the area.

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IV. DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant not effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the minigation measures described or an attached wheet have been added to the project. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find the proposed project MAY have a significent effect on the environment, and er ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

Date: 8 /20/79

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For The State Lands Commission

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