

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 24
was approved as Minute Item
No. 24 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 2
to 0 at its 10/30/81
meeting.

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24. A PROPOSED HANDBOOK ON JOJOBA CULTIVATION IN THE DESERT.

During consideration of Calendar Item 24 attached, Commission-Alternate David Ackerman abstained from voting on this item.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the resolution as presented in Calendar Item 24 was approved by a vote of 2-0 with one abstention by Mr. Ackerman.

Attachment: Calendar Item 24.

A 33, 34, 65, 66, 67, 68, 75

S 16, 32, 34, 38

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A PROPOSED HANDBOOK ON JOJOBA CULTIVATION
IN THE DESERT

The staff of the Commission is frequently requested to lease State-owned school lands in the desert for the cultivation of Jojoba (ho-HO-bah). Jojoba is a native desert shrub which bears nuts containing a high quality liquid wax valuable in cosmetic, pharmaceutical and high-pressure and high-temperature lubrication uses.

Another desert shrub, Guayule (Why-YOOL-ee), the sap of which is being considered as a replacement for Malaysian rubber, is on the horizon for arid land agricultural development. Governor Brown has encouraged research and development of these as alternative resources in California.

At present no publication provides an entrepreneur, or agency reviewing land use proposals, must with major data and data sources on the established and cultivation of these crops.

The staff has contacted a number of Federal, State and local agencies, including Arizona state offices, and universities in both states. We have received enthusiastic support for a compilation of such data on arid land agriculture, focusing on jojoba and guayule. The "Handbook" will discuss the consequences of disturbing desert soils for agricultural use, water and salinity problems which must be anticipated in project designs, and the various jurisdictions programs and requirements which would be affected. It will also include discussions of current cultivation practices, economic models and state and private financing information. A substantial appendix of government bulletins, journal articles and subject references will be included.

The project, spearheaded by the Commission staff, is to be published by the University of California Cooperative Extension as one of its "Agricultural Leaflet" series, at no cost to the Commission. Publication is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 1982.

This activity is not determined to be a project as defined by CEQA.

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AB 884: N/A.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH DOCUMENT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PRC 21065, 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15037 AND 15060, AND 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2903(a).
2. AUTHORIZE STAFF COORDINATION OF THE COMPILATION OF A MULTI-AGENCY HANDBOOK ON CULTIVATION OF CERTAIN ENERGY CROPS IN THE DESERT, SUCH AS JOJOBA AND GUAYULE.