

MINUTE ITEM

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No. 35 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO
NATIONAL GEODETIC SURVEY

BACKGROUND:

Due to uncertainties in the location of the California-Nevada border, California sued Nevada to identify the legal boundary in 1977 in the U.S. Supreme Court. Following lengthy legal proceedings, the high court rendered its opinion in 1980, upholding the currently used boundaries across land, and suggesting the states jointly agree on the location of the border across the waters of Lake Tahoe. This was accomplished in due course, and the parties then requested assistance of the National Geodetic Survey in positioning and monumenting the agreed lines. Last fall, working hurriedly to beat the onset of winter, National Geodetic Survey staff directed a joint federal/state survey effort of extremely high accuracy to accomplish the necessary measurements and setting of markers.

The government agency extended every courtesy to staff of the Commission and to the Attorney General's Office in accommodating our deadlines and job requirements. All expenses of the National Geodetic Survey were borne by that agency. Because of the extraordinary cooperation and assistance provided by that agency, staff feels it appropriate to extend to them a formal recognition and commendation from their efforts.

AB 884: N/A.

EXHIBIT: A. Recommendation of Commendation.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION ESSENTIALLY AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A".

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2. AUTHORIZE TRANSMITTAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE NATIONAL GEODETIC SURVEY.

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EXHIBIT "A"

WHEREAS, prior to recent events, the true and legal position of the border between the State of California and the State of Nevada had been uncertain for over one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, following lengthy legal proceedings and ultimately a decision by the Supreme Court of the United States, the position of the border across land was identified, although its exact location across the waters of Lake Tahoe remained unresolved; and

WHEREAS, following a general accord reached by the two states, the National Geodetic Survey was called upon to determine with great accuracy the geodetic positions of the boundary lines across the waters of Lake Tahoe; and

WHEREAS, the National Geodetic Survey acceded to the State's requests that the work be given high priority status, and completed as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the National Geodetic Survey performed meticulous and highly precise measurements in positioning the monuments which locate the California-Nevada border at Lake Tahoe; and

WHEREAS, the high level of technical competence utilized by the National Geodetic Survey in the Lake Tahoe measurements reaffirms and increases the long-standing credibility built up during the 175 year history of that agency and its predecessor, the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey; and

WHEREAS, with the California-Nevada border location now adequately marked on the ground, and the geodetic positions of the Lake Tahoe reference monuments located to a high level of accuracy by the National Geodetic Survey, future generations will enjoy the benefits of certainty on the position of the boundary; and

WHEREAS, the individuals assigned to the work managed to maintain the excellence of high-precision measurements, and still met the time demands of the Supreme Court of the United States, despite being confronted with unanticipated adverse weather conditions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Lands Commission of the State of California respectfully extends its appreciation and thanks to the National Geodetic Survey for coming to its aid in time of need, and for performing surveying measurements of extraordinary high precision and accuracy in locating points on the California-Nevada border at Lake Tahoe.