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SALE OF STATE SCHOOL LAND

BACKGROUND:

In 1970, the State Lands Commission established a moratorium on the sale of State school land, except for public agencies and utility company rights-of-way. The moratorium was to be in effect until an inventory and management plan for the school lands was completed. In the course of preliminary work leading to a management plan, staff has had an opportunity to investigate the merits of several parcels scattered throughout the State.

This investigation indicates there are parcels of School land that, because they are an uneconomic unit or create a management problem, should be offered for sale into private ownership.

PROPERTY:

The subject property in Section 36, T10S, R14E, SBM, a 640-acre parcel near Niland in Imperial County.

The Coachella Canal, a facility of the Bureau of Reclamation, crosses this parcel and occupies approximately 6.44 acres under Chapter 173, Stats 1921. During World War II the remaining 634.56 acres was condemned for use by the Navy. In 1961, the 634.56 acres was quitclaimed back to the State.

The terrain is level and the vegetation consists of sparse desert plants. The only

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remaining improvements are remnants of the prior military facilities such as: dirt and paved roads, miscellaneous concrete structures and numerous concrete slabs.

The property has, for a number of years, been used by individuals for itinerant trailer parking and camping, especially during the winter months, without the authorization of the State Lands Commission. There have been numerous newspaper articles describing "Slab City" and its nearly year-round occupation. "Slab City" has become so permanent that the local police patrol it, and the local school district provides transportation to and from school for the younger inhabitants.

The Commission has received a number of purchase inquiries, the latest from an individual wanting to continue the existing use.

AB 884: N/A.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

It is proposed that the Commission authorize the staff to offer the subject property for sale under competitive bidding at not less than fair market value. The disposal of the subject property would be accomplished in accordance with Section 6223 of the P.R.C., whereby State and local agencies would be notified prior to offering to the public.

An EIR has not been prepared for this activity because such report is not required under the provisions of P.R.C. 21065, 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15037 and 15060.

This activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA because it is a request for authorization to offer subject land for sale. The requirements of CEQA will be adequately complied with prior to Commission approval for the actual sale.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Site Map.
- B. Location Map.

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAN AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH DOCUMENT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF P.R.C. 21065, 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15037 AND 15060.
2. APPROVE THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF 640 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF STATE SCHOOL LAND, LOCATED IN SECTION 36, T10S R14E, SBM, SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF LQA AND SECTION 6223 OF THE P.R.C.; OFFERS RECEIVED WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION WITH A STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ULTIMATE SALE.

EXHIBIT "A"

LAND DESCRIPTION

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A parcel of California State school lands in Imperial County, California described as follows:

Section 36, T10S, R14E, S8M.

SUBJECT TO a right-of-way for the Coachella Canal in the NE 1/4 of said Section 36 granted to the United States Bureau of Reclamation by Statutes of 1921, Chapter 173, Page 180 (Easement Number Three).

END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED JUNE 29, 1982 BY BOUNDARY AND TITLE UNIT, LEROY WEED, SUPERVISOR.

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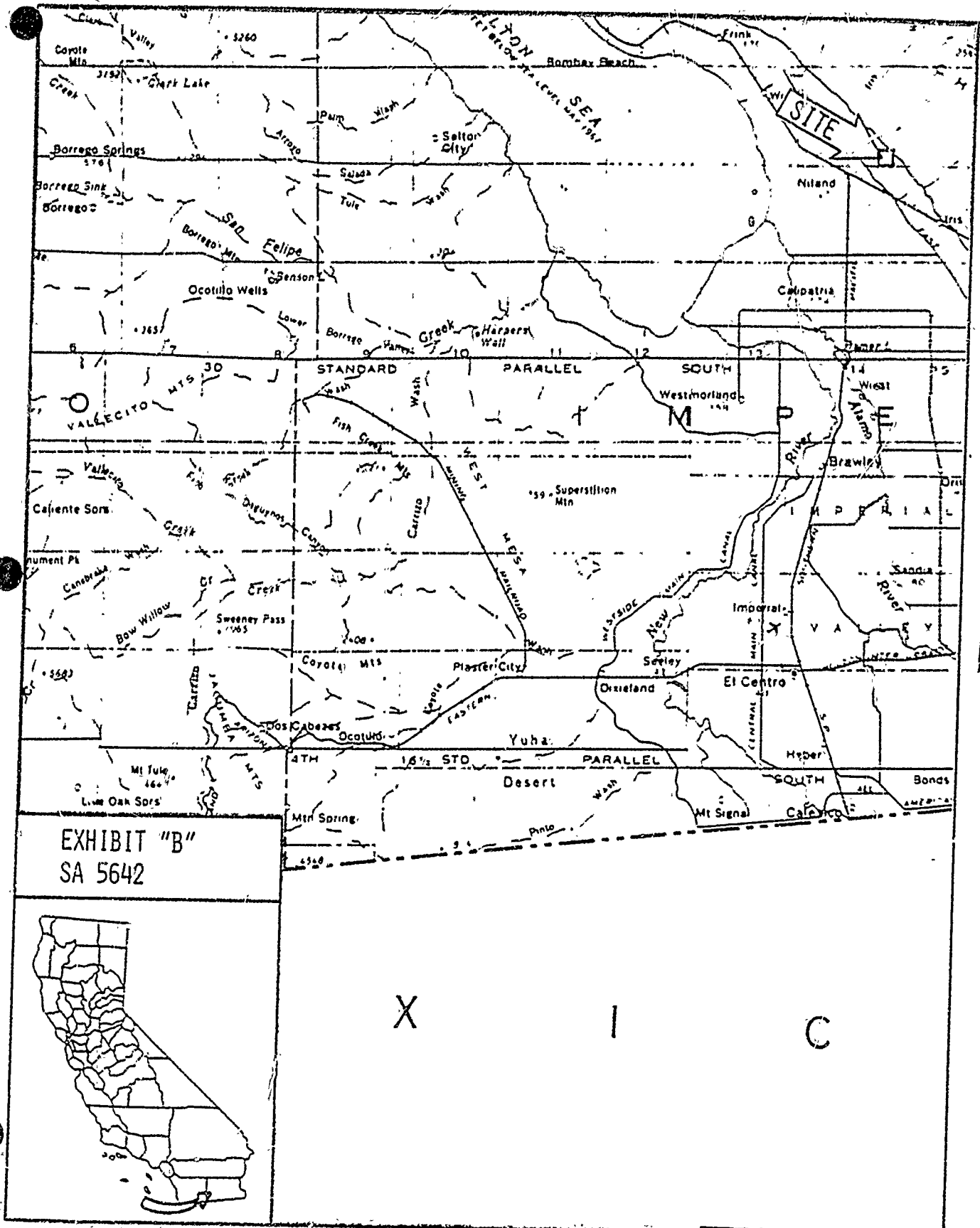


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