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AUTHORIZATION FOR STAFF TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS AND ACCESS RIGHTS

The lessee of a school land parcel in San Diego County has offered to purchase and deed to the State, lands and/or access rights that would benefit school lands in Mendocino and/or Lake Counties in exchange for title to the parcel he is leasing subject to constitutional and legislative reservations. Also, the owner of cut-over lands that have long-term timber revenue potential that lie adjacent to forested school lands has offered to deed up to 2,500 acres to the State in exchange for an equal value of merchantable timber on the school lands. Other similar proposals have been received from individuals interested in acquiring isolated school land parcels adjacent to their holdings.

Staff seeks Commission concurrence in efforts to consolidate its timber land holdings and to acquire access rights to existing school land parcels that have timber and geothermal revenue potential through exchange of isolated parcels of equal value.

Any exchange proposal developed would be submitted to the Commission for its consideration and action.

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CALENDAR ITEM NO. 25 (CONTD)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND ACCESS RIGHTS TO BENEFIT THE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT AND REVENUE POTENTIAL OF EXISTING SCHOOL LAND PARCELS THROUGH EXCHANGE OF LANDS, TIMBER OR INTERESTS IN SCHOOL LAND PROPERTIES OF EQUAL VALUE, AND FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA AS IT IS NOT A PROJECT PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15378.