

MINUTE ITEM

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No. 15 of the State Lands
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CALENDAR ITEM

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C15 :

10/24/85
WP 6194 PRC 6194
Miller, D.

APPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT PLANS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY TO PROCEED WITH FOREST
DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON FIVE PARCELS OF STATE SCHOOL LAND
IN ALPINE, LAKE, TRINITY, AND TULARE COUNTIES

APPLICANT: California Department of Forestry
1416 - 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

LAND USE. Forests demonstration projects.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

The interagency agreement under which certain school lands are managed by the California Department of Forestry, requires submittal of management plans for Commission approval and authorization to proceed with projects on specific parcels. Plans for five parcels have been submitted and reviewed by Commission staff. Staff has concluded that the plans are in keeping with the objectives sought in the interagency agreement. The plans include site preparation, prescribed burning, natural and artificial regeneration, removal of competing brush, hardwood and grass from young conifer stands, precommercial thinning, commercial thinning and commercial timber sales using a variety of silvicultural systems and yarding methods. Additionally, some management plans include securing of access to the parcels for management purposes.

Listed below is a general description of the parcels:

Parcel No. 13 - NE1/4 of NW1/4, Section 30, T19S R31E, MDM,
Mountain Home, Tulare County - 40 Acres

Parcel No. 14 - W1/2 of SE1/4, Section 31, T11N R19E, MDM,
Hope Valley, Alpine County - 80 Acres

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Parcel No. 15 - E1/2 of NW1/4, Section 14, T31N R10W, MDM,
Hayfork Divide, Trinity County - 80 Acres

Parcel No. 16 - S1/2 of N1/2, Section 32, T33N R8W, MDM,
Fawn Lodge, Trinity County - 160 Acres

Parcel No. 18 - SE1/4 of SW1/4, Section 10, T12N R8W, MDM,
Mt. Hanna, Lake County - 80 Acres

AB 884: N/A.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. A Supplement to Finald EIR was prepared and adopted for this project by the Lead Agency specified by law, the California Department of Forestry. The State Lands Commission's staff has reviewed such document which identifies the potential significant impacts to archaeological, cultural, and historic resources located on Parcel 15, Hayfork Divide. Specifically, one prehistoric site was found and documented on the Hayfork Divide parcel. The site has two loci: (1) chert quarry and manufacturing area, and (2) tool manufacture and hunting area. Exhibit "C" contains the CEQA finding and supporting material for this potential significant environmental impact.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Legal Description.
- B. Location Map.
- C. CEQA Finding.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT A SUPPLEMENT TO AN EIR WAS PREPARED AND CERTIFIED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
2. ADOPT THE FINDING HERETO ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "C" IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CEQA (P.B.C. SECTION 21000 ET SEQ.) AND THE STATE EIR GUIDELINES;

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3. DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECT, AS MODIFIED, WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
4. AUTHORIZE THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY TO PROCEED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANAGEMENT PLANS SUBMITTED FOR PARCELS 13, 14, 15, 16, and 18, DESCRIBED IN THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT DATED APRIL 28, 1983. SAID PLANS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

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EXHIBIT "A"
LAND DESCRIPTION
ADDITIONAL SCHOOL LAND PARCELS FOR DEMONSTRATION FORESTS

All MDM.

13. NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 30, T19S, R31E
Mountain Home, Tulare County
14. W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 31, R11N, R19E
Hope Valley, Alpine County
15. E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 14, T31N, R10W
Hayfork Divide, Trinity County
16. S $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 32, T33N, R8W
Fawn Lodge, Trinity County
18. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 10, T12N, R8W
Mt. Hannah, Lake County

END OF DESCRIPTION

REVIEWED APRIL 25, 1985, BY BOUNDARY SERVICES UNIT, M. L. SHAFER, SUPERVISOR.

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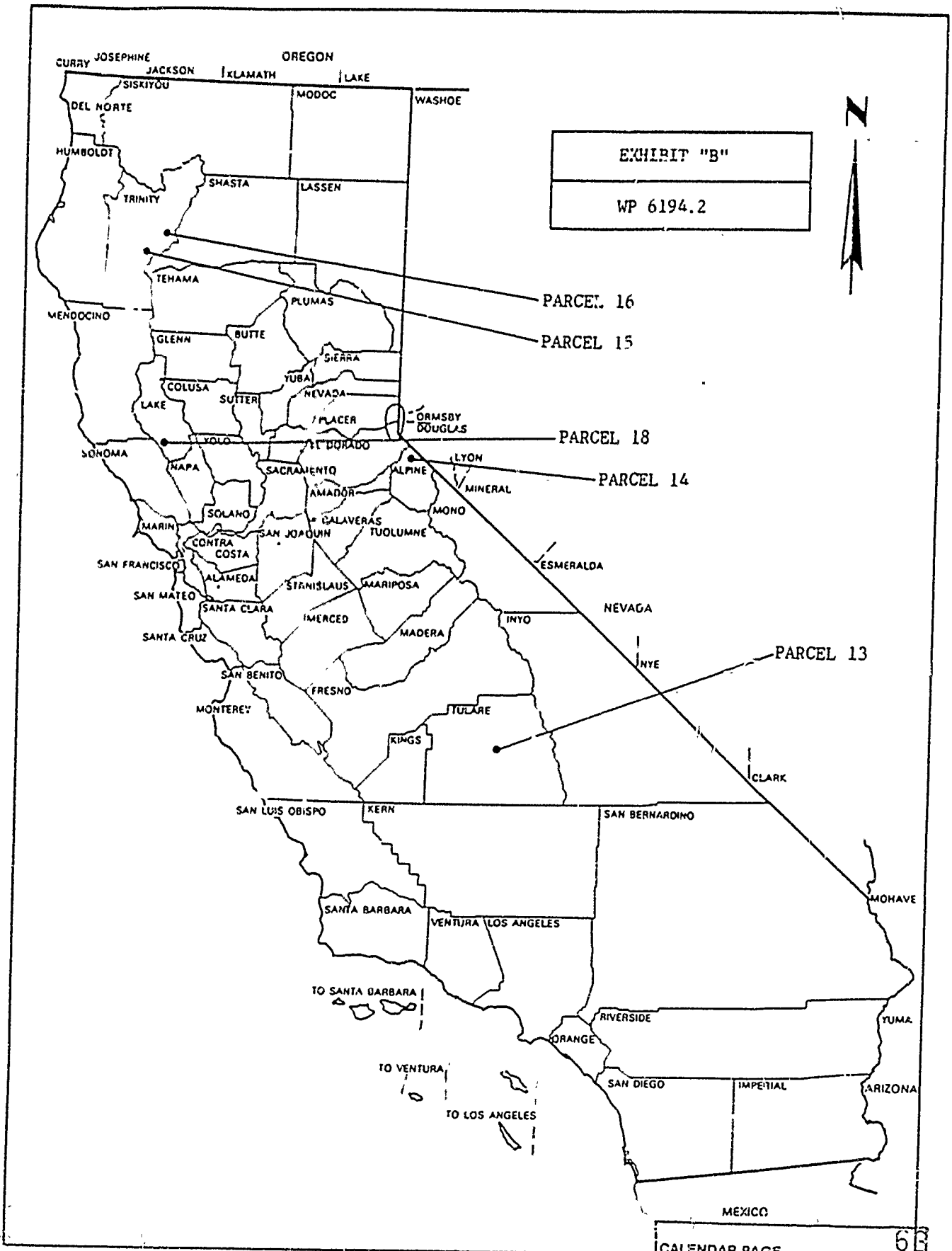


EXHIBIT "B"

WP 6194.2

EXHIBIT "C"

The following finding relates to the potential significant effects which (1) are identified in the environmental impact report prepared for the project, and (2) pertain to those parts of the project which is to be considered by the Commission.

Archaeological, Cultural, and Historical Resources

Impact: Possible disturbance and/or destruction of a prehistoric site on the Hayfork Divide parcel.

Finding: Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effect as identified in the Final Supplemental EIR.

Facts Supporting Finding: CDF's management activities could have a potential significant effect on cultural resources on the Hayfork Divide parcel. Preliminary surveys indicate evidence of such resources. The following mitigation measures have been identified in the Final Supplementa EIR:

1. An additional survey shall be conducted during the planning stage to determine if additional cultural resources exist on the parcel;
2. An archaeologist shall work with the timber sale administrator to determine appropriate access routes to the southern portion of the parcel;
3. Any ground disturbing activities shall be restricted on the site unless approval has been received from an archaeologist;
4. Trees around the site shall be felled away from the site. This should keep the ground from being disturbed within the site boundaries by the skidder or by the tree as it is being yarded; and
5. Trees within the site boundary shall not be harvested unless a helicopter or balloon system is utilized.

It is the State Lands Commission staff's belief that the above mitigation measures, included as conditions to the management plan, support the specified finding.