

MINUTE ITEM

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17 State Lands
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CALENDAR ITEM

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APPROVAL OF EXTENSIONS OF THREE PERMITS
TO PROSPECT FOR MINERALS
OTHER THAN OIL AND GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES,
IMPERIAL COUNTY

PERMITTEES: Arthur Baker III, R. S. Davis, and
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PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION:

Approval of extensions of three permits to
prospect for gold, silver and other valuable
minerals other than oil, gas, geothermal
resources, sand and gravel, on approximately
1,920 acres of land, located in Imperial County.

TERMS OF EXTENSION:

December 1, 1985 through November 31, 1986.

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

Approximately 1,920 acres non-contiguous State
school land - Sections 16 and 36, T11S R20E,
and Section 16, T11S R21E, SBM, Imperial
County, 17 miles south of Palo Verde

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

Application submitted by applicant.

Statutory processing fees have been submitted
by applicant.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Three prospecting permits, PRC 6507, PRC 6508, and PRC 6509, were approved for issuance by the Commission on October 26, 1983, effective December 1, 1983. At that time a finding was made that the project was exempt from the requirements of the CEQA pursuant to 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15061 as a categorical exempt project, Class 6, Information Collection, 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15306. The permit granted the permittee an exclusive right for a period of two years to prospect for minerals other than oil and gas and geothermal resources. During the two year period, the Permittees in association with Packard Resources, Ltd, performed reconnaissance geologic mapping and rock outcrop sampling on the three state sections and surrounding federal lands under claim. The rock samples were analyzed for valuable minerals utilizing an atomic absorption test and those samples that showed abnormal gold/silver values were then retested using a fire assay.

The results have indicated anomalous gold and silver values exist on one of the three permit areas. Further exploratory work is needed to substantiate the importance of these initial findings. The Permittees have expressed that the one-year extension will be advantageous to both themselves and the State through further prospecting on the state property.

STATUTORY REFERENCES:

- A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Section 6891.
- B. Cal. Adm. Code: Title 2, Section 2200.

AB 884:

N/A.

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm Code 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA, because it is not a "project" as defined by CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

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Authority: P.R.C. 21065, 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15378.

2. The project is situated on lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370, and is classified in use category "A" which authorizes Restricted Use. Staff coordinated this project with those agencies and organizations which nominated the sites as containing significant environmental values. They have found this project to be compatible with their nomination.
3. Any change in the proposed prospecting activities will require an environmental review pursuant to CEQA Regulations.
4. Pursuant to P.R.C. Section 6895, the applicants would have a preferential right to a lease for a maximum of 160 acres embraced within each permit. Said right shall be subject to all necessary environmental approvals. The permits will not affect the discretion of the Commission in granting or denying such environmental approvals.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description.
- B. Site Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061 BECAUSE IT IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15378.
2. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6891 OF THE P.R.C., AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1986, OF PROSPECTING PERMITS 6507, 6508, 6509, ISSUED TO ARTHUR BAKER III, R. S. DAVIS, AND STEPHEN R. BRUFF TO PROSPECT FOR ALL MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL AND GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES; ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT ARE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

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EXHIBIT "A"

PRC 6507.2
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LAND DESCRIPTION

Three parcels of California State school lands in Imperial County, California,
described as follows:

PARCEL 1

Section 16, T11S, R20E, SBM.

PARCEL 2

Section 36, T11S, R20E, SBM.

PARCEL 3

Section 16, T11S, R21E, SBM.

END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED AUGUST 29, 1983 BY BOUNDARY AND TITLE UNIT, LEROY WEED, SUPERVISOR.

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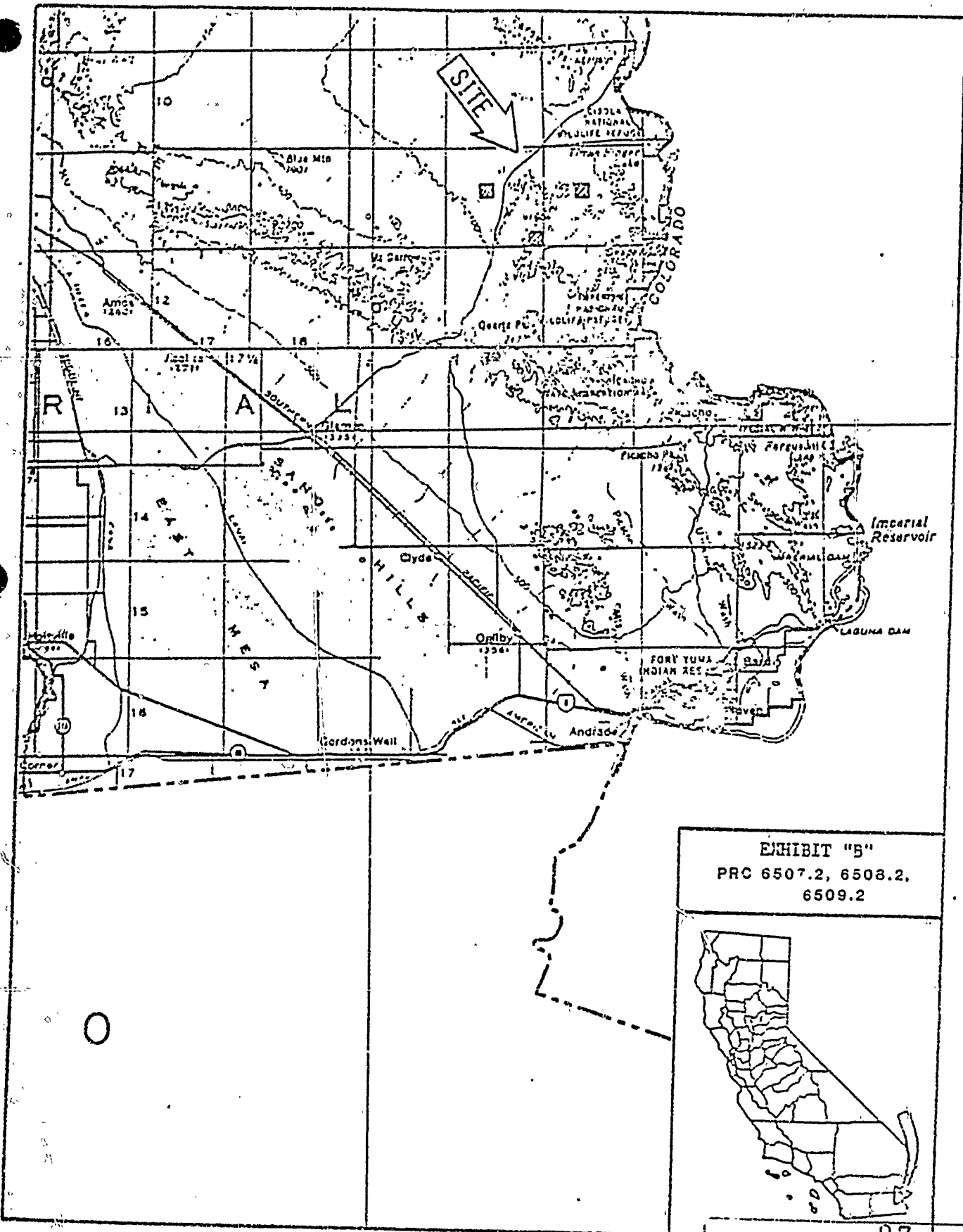


EXHIBIT "B"
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