

**MINUTE ITEM**

This Calendar Item No. C31  
was approved as Minute Item  
No. 31 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3  
to 0 at its 4-28-93  
meeting.

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**CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF A QUITCLAIM DEED  
FROM LOUIS BRANDON WATT  
TO THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION**

**PARTY:**

State Lands Commission  
1807 13th Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 21, 1984 in Calendar Item 46; on August 21, 1984 in  
Calendar Item 49, and on December 12, 1989 in Calendar Item 38,  
the State Lands Commission approved a land exchange between the  
State Lands Commission and the City of Los Angeles. In the  
exchange, the Department will convey title to a large parcel of  
land adjoining Owens Lake. The parcel is bisected by a railroad  
right-of-way.

The fee title underlying the railroad is held by Louis Brandon  
Watt. Lake Minerals Corporation, a lessee of the State's  
interest in the bed of Owens Lake and a potential lessee of the  
subject exchange parcel, has negotiated and paid for the  
conveyance of the railroad fee to the State. Acceptance of a  
deed from Louis Brandon Watt will provide the State a continuous  
pattern of ownership across the entire subject exchange project  
area as previously approved.

**STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:**

A. P.R.C. 6216 and P.R.C. 7303.5

**AB 884:**

N/A

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority  
and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code  
Regs. 15061), the staff has determined that this

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activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA because the activity is not a "project" as defined by CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Authority: P.R.C. 21065 and 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15378.

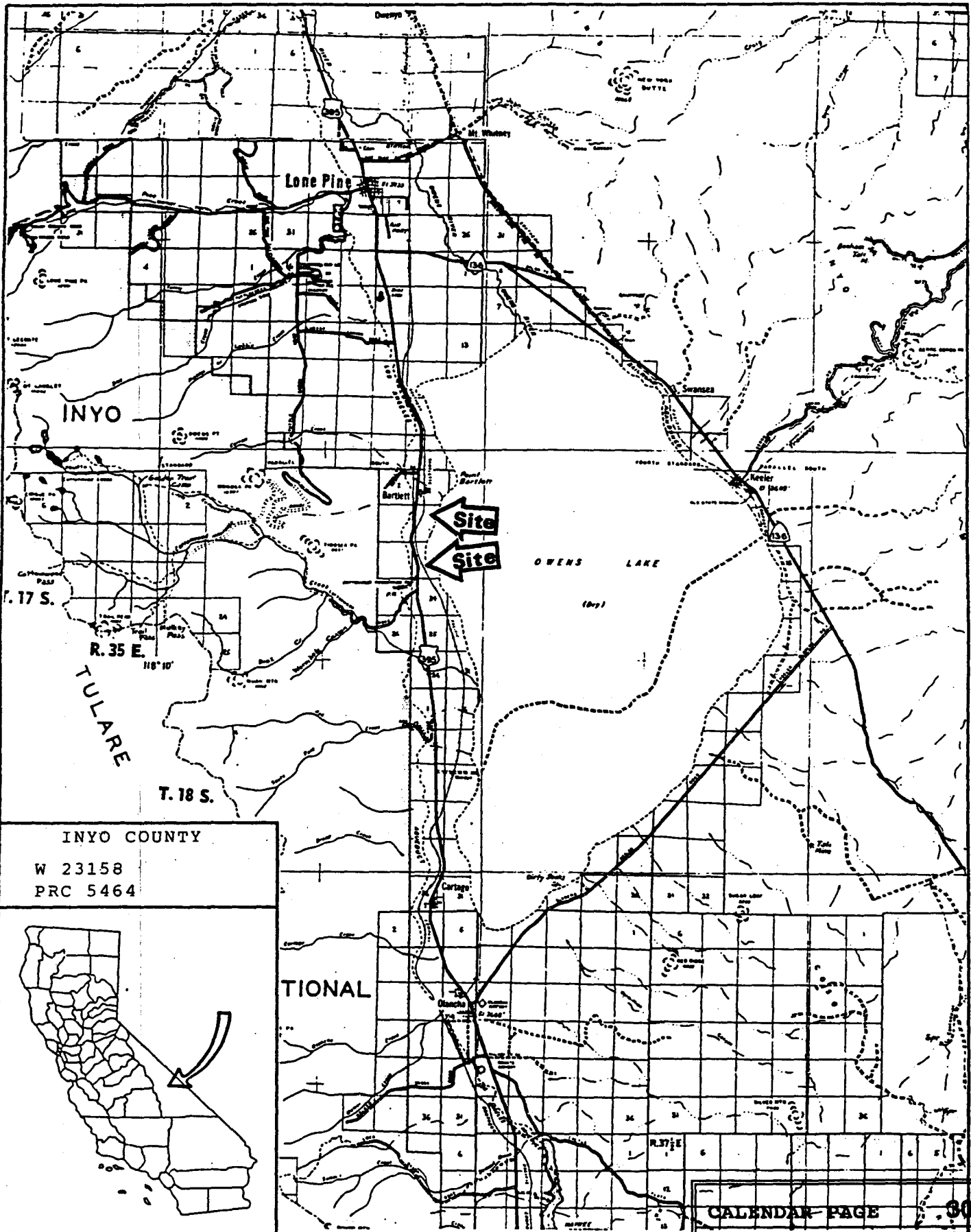
**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Location Map
- B. Land Description

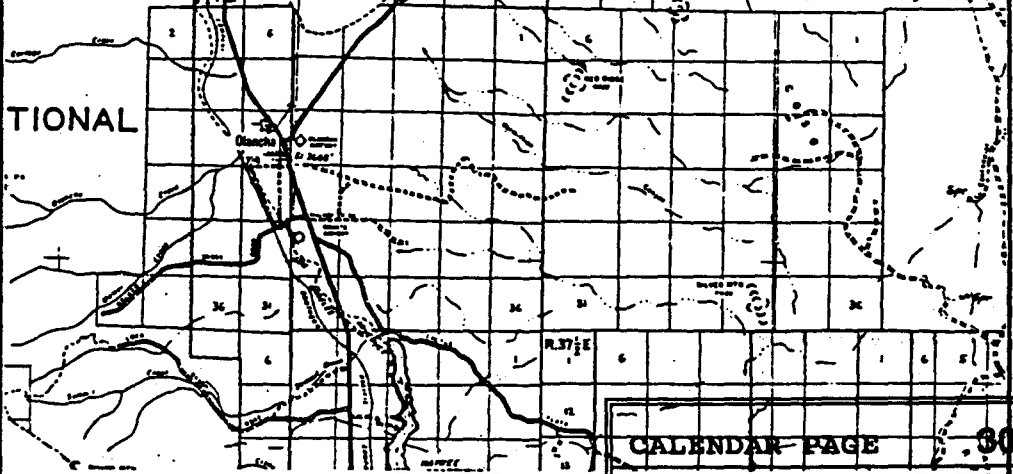
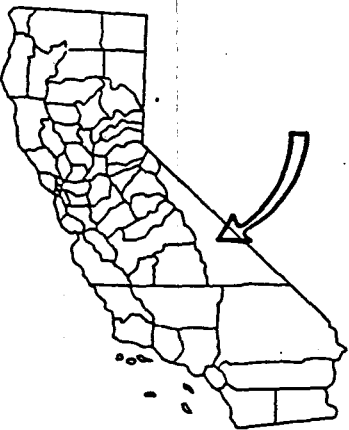
**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:**

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15378.
2. APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF QUITCLAIM DEED AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "B" FROM LOUIS BRANDON WATT TO THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION.

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DESCRIPTION

In Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 37 East and in Section 6, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, M.D.B.M, a strip or tract of lands 100 feet wide, lying 50 feet on each side of the surveyed center line of the constructed tract of the Nevada and California Railway Company, and extending from the south line of the north half of the south half of said Section 6, thence northerly to the north line of the south half of said Section 31,... and said strip or tract of land is more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a point on the south line of said Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, that is 50.3 feet distant, measured easterly along said section line from Engineers Station No. "A" 6598 + 30 and 2210 feet distant, more or less, measured westerly along said section line from the southeast corner of said Section 31; thence south 6 10-1/2' west on a line that is parallel to the surveyed center line of said constructed track and 50 feet distant easterly therefrom, for a distance from 4010 feet, more or less, to a intersection with the south line of the north half of the south of said Section 6, thence westerly along and upon the south line of the north half of the south half of the Section 6, for a distance 100.6 feet to a point thereon that is 50 feet distance, measured at a right angle westerly form the surveyed center line of said constructed track; thence north 6 10-1/2' east, on a line that is parallel to the center line of said constructed track and 50 feet distant westerly therefrom, for a distance of 4010 feet more or less, to a point on the south line of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, that is 50.3 feet distant, measured westerly along said section line from Engineering Station "A" 6598 + 30, thence east 100.6 feet.

And Further Described as:

That portion of fractional Section 6, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, M.D.B.M., in the County of Inyo, State of California, according to the official plat thereof, as condemned by Nevada and California Railway Company by final decree of condemnation entered in Case No. 1239, Superior Court, recorded March 11, 1912, in Book 21 Page 582 of Deeds, in the office of the county recorder of said county, as excepted in the deed executed by H.A. Forbes and Adde Forbes, recorded February 8, 1945 in Book 61 Page 370 of Official Records.

EXHIBIT B

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