MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 22 was approved as Minute Item No. 22 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 2 to 6 at its 5-9-96 meeting.

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CONSIDER, AS BOTH STATE LANDS COMMISSION
AND SCHOOL LAND BANK TRUSTEE,
SALE, AND SUBSEQUENT ISSUANCE OF A PATENT
TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE STATE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD,
FOR 160 ACRES OF STATE SCHOOL LAND IN IMPERIAL COUNTY
WITHIN THE OCOTILLO WELLS STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA

APPLICANT:

State Lands Commission 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South Sacramento, California 95825-8202

Mr. Gordon McDaniel Department of Parks and Recreation 1416 Ninth Street, Room 943 Sacramento, California 95814

LOCATION:

160 acres of State School Land in Imperial County within the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area, Purchase Price: \$18,000.00

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

- A. Public Resources Code Section: Div. 6, Parts 1 and 2; Div. 13; Div. 7.7
- B. Cal. Code Regs.: Title 3, Div. 3; Title 14, Div. 6

EXHIBITS:

A. Land Description

B. Location Map

AB 884:

N/A

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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 activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a statutorily exempt project. The project is exempt because it involves an action taken pursuant to the School Land Bank Act, Public Resources Code Section 8700, et seq.
- On August 12, 1991, the State Lands Commission (SLC) approved the sale of 4,331±-acres of State School Land to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for an addition to the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (OWSVRA). Pursuant to concerns of The Desert Protective Council, Inc., Anza-Borrego Foundation, and the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association the SLC retained an additional 160 acres from the sale. The collective concern of these organizations was the ability of the OWSVRA division to manage and protect the fragile geomorphic resources found on this property.
- 3. On April 16, 1996, SLC staff received a request from DPR to purchase the 160 acre parcel. Staff has also received letters from the concerned organizations withdrawing their objections to the sale and supporting the transfer of the land to DPR for addition to the OWSVRA. Further discussions between DPR and SLC have resulted in agreement of a negotiated price of \$18,000 for the 160 acre parcel.
- 4. Staff has filed a General Plan for this activity with the Legislature pursuant To Public Resources Code Section 6373.

IT IS RECOMMEDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 AS A STATUTORILY EXEMPT PROJECT PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 8710, AN ACTION TAKEN PURSUANT TO THE SCHOOL LAND BANK ACT, PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 8700, ET SEQ.

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- 2. FIND THAT A GENERAL PLAN FOR THE USE OF THE AFFECTED LANDS WAS FILED WITH THE LEGISLATURE PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 6373.
- 3. AUTHORIZE THE SALE AND SUBSEQUENT ISSUANCE OF A PATENT TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE STATE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD, FOR LANDS AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESERVATIONS TO THE STATE.
- 4. AUTHORIZE THE DEPOSIT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF SAID LANDS, \$18,000, IN THE SCHOOL LAND BANK FUND.

EXHIBIT "A"

LAND DESCRIPTION

A parcel of California State School Land in Imperial County, described as follows:

NE1/4 of Section 18, T11S, R9E, SBM

END OF DESCRIPTION

