

**MINUTE ITEM**

This Calendar Item No. C73 was approved as Minute Item No. 73 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 08/21/96 meeting.

**CALENDAR SUMMARY**

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**CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A DISCLAIMER IN CASE OF  
ROGER D. WATTS V. STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ET AL.,  
MODOC COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO. C96-027**

**PARTY:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

Roger D. Watts brought an action against the State of California and others, to quiet title to certain rural real property in Modoc County. The staff has conducted an investigation of the title to the parcel in question, and has determined that the State has no interest administered by the Commission in the parcel. It appears that the only interest the State ever had in the parcel was by virtue of a tax deed; the parcel was subsequently conveyed to a private party at public auction pursuant to law.

Inasmuch as this suit involves land over which the Commission exercises no jurisdiction, it is recommended that a disclaimer be filed on behalf of the State Lands Commission disclaiming any right, title, or interest in the lands described in the quiet title action.

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15061), the staff has determined that this 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: Public Resources Code Section 21605 and 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15378.

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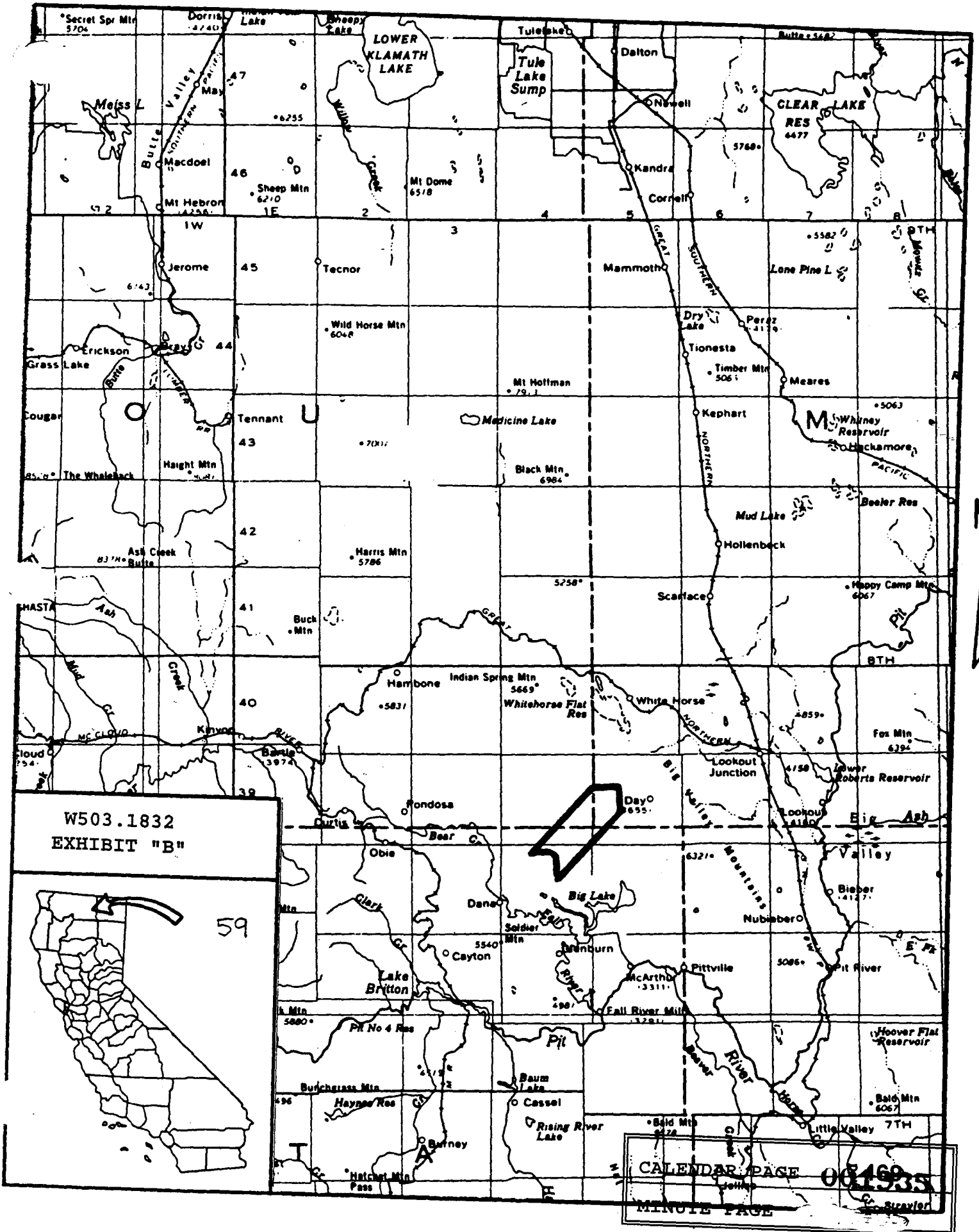
**EXHIBITS:**

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

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:**

1. FIND THAT THIS 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 PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15378.
2. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO FILE A DISCLAIMER ON BEHALF OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION IN THE CASE OF ROGER D. WATTS V. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ET AL., MODOC COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. C96-027.
3. AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TAKE ALL FURTHER STEPS NECESSARY TO CONCLUDE THE SUBJECT LITIGATION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RECORDATION OF DOCUMENTS AND APPEARANCE IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING.





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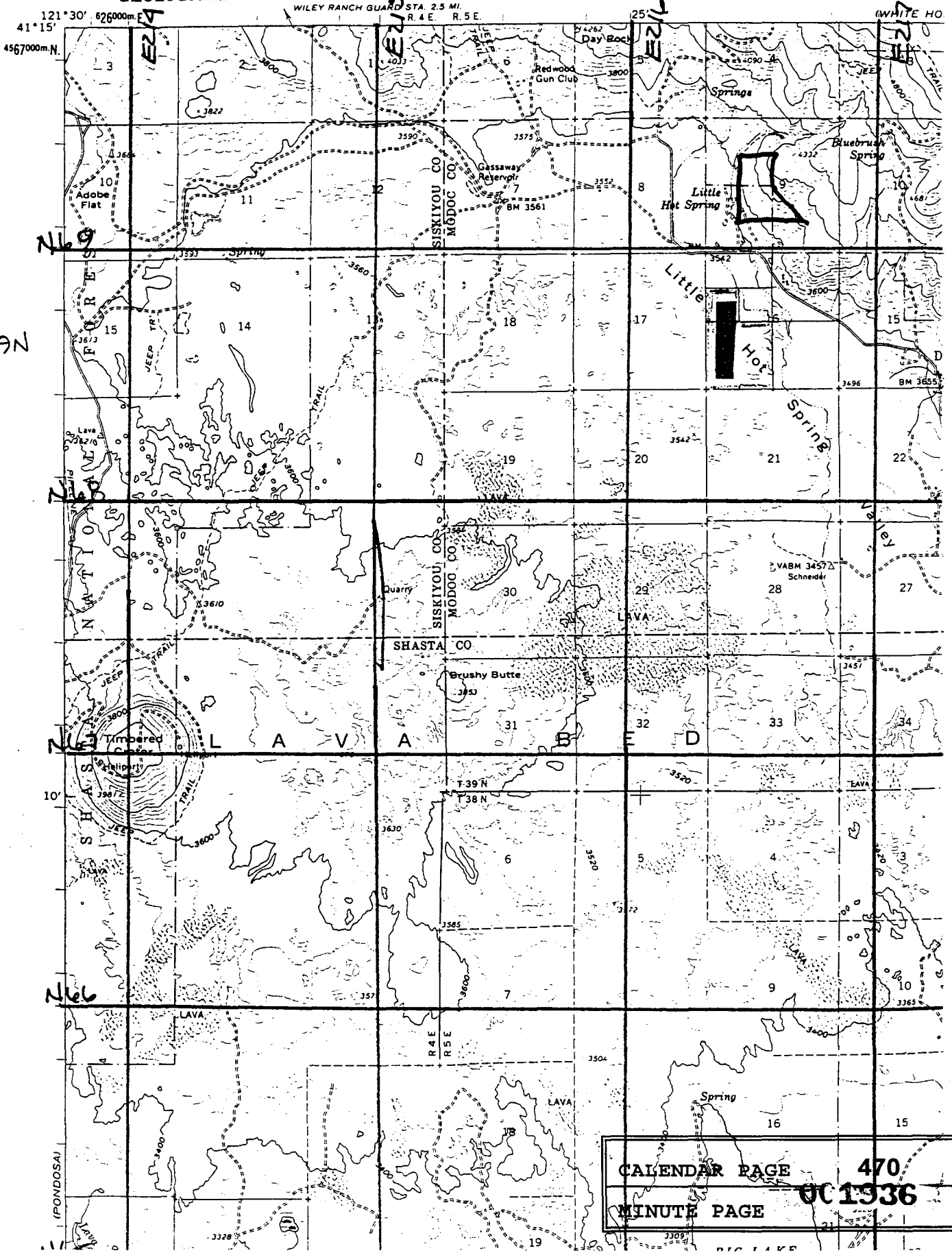
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