

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C16 was approved as Minute Item No. 16 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 5/12/97 meeting.

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WP 4565.2
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GENERAL LEASE - GRAZING USE

APPLICANT:

Roy Hunter
P. O. Box 26
Olancha, California 93549

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

127 acres, more or less, of lieu lands and 72 acres, more or less, of sovereign lands on the west side of Owens Lake, near the town of Olancha, Inyo County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Cattle grazing.

LEASE TERM:

Two years, beginning December 13, 1995, and ending December 12, 1997.

CONSIDERATION:

\$500 per year.

SPECIFIC LEASE PROVISIONS:

Insurance:

Liability insurance: Combined single limit coverage of \$1,000,000.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The applicant has a right to use the lands that adjoin the lease premises.
2. During the lease application process, California State Lands Commission (CSLC) staff consulted with staff of the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). CDFG staff subsequently conducted a field survey of the proposed lease area and identified potential impacts to a variety of sensitive species and habitats affecting portions of the proposed lease area.

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3. Upon completion of the field survey, CDFG concluded that since the applicant has grazed the area in the past and since half of the grazing season is now complete, they would not object if the CSLC issued a lease to the applicant to cover another Fall grazing season.
4. Based on information provided by CDFG, CSLC staff recommends issuing a two-year grazing lease effective December 13, 1995, that would allow the applicant to graze through the 1997 Fall grazing period only.
5. CSLC staff have advised the applicant that a grazing plan must be developed and additional environmental analysis must be conducted before the Commission would consider issuing a long-term grazing lease.
6. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.
7. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 4, Minor Alteration to Land; Title 2, California Code of Regulations section 2905(d)(1).

EXHIBITS:

- A. Location Map
- B. Land Description

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

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CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061, AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 4, MINOR ALTERATION TO LAND; TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 2905(d)(1).

SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:

FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO ROY HUNTER OF A GENERAL LEASE - GRAZING USE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 13, 1995, FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, FOR CATTLE GRAZING ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT B ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF; \$500 PER YEAR; LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT COVERAGE OF \$1,000,000.

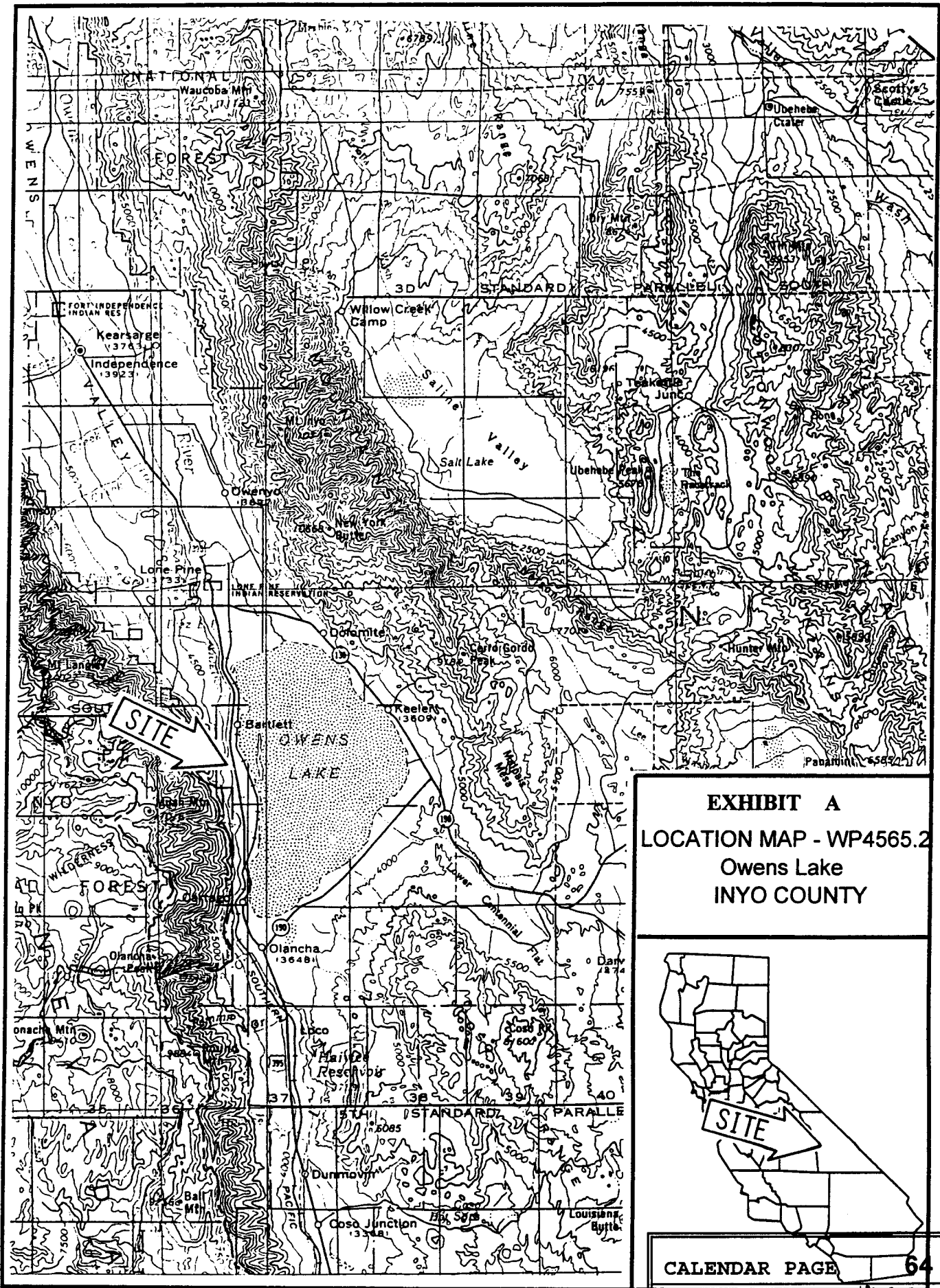


EXHIBIT A
LOCATION MAP - WP4565.2
 Owens Lake
 INYO COUNTY



EXHIBIT B

WP 4565

Three parcels of State Lieu Lands, lying landward of the bed of Owens Lake and situated in Inyo County, State of California consisting of 127 acres more or less and more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1

The Fractional E1/2 of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, Mount Diablo Meridian.

PARCEL 2

The Fractional N1/2 of the N1/2 of Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, Mount Diablo Meridian.

PARCEL 3

The Fractional NE1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, Mount Diablo Meridian.

PARCEL 4

A parcel of State Sovereign land, lying in the the bed of Owens Lake and situated in Inyo County, State of California, being the fractional portion of the projected E1/2 of W1/2 of E1/2 of Section 18, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the United States Meander Corner of Sections 7 and 18, T18S, R37E, MDM; thence S89°14"E, 700 feet along the projected section line of sections 7 and 18, to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S89°14"E, 26 feet to the Easterly quarter-quarter corner on the projected north line of section 18; thence S00°15'W, 5,289 feet along the easterly quarter-quarter section line to the projected south line of section 18 and 19; thence N00°15'E, 4,280 feet to the southwest corner of the area embraced in the California State Lands Commission Lease, designated as "P.R.C. 306"; thence along the boundary of said Lease. S89°14'E, 700 feet; thence N00°15E, 1,000 feet to the point of beginning and the end of the here-in described parcel. Containing approximately 72 acres.

END DESCRIPTION

Prepared by the Southern California Section on March 12, 1997

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