

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to execute an acceptance of the quitclaim of Lease No. P.R.C. 132, as tendered by the lessee, the Marine Exploration Company.

27. (Acquisition of Forest Land - State Division of Forestry - W.O. 256) The State Lands Commission was informed that in collaboration with the State Division of Forestry, precursory investigation has been made of some 23,382 acres of school lands which are under the jurisdiction of the State and which are partially covered with timber. These lands are within the boundaries of National Forests. It is estimated the total value of these lands within the National Forest to the State Lands Commission, would be a minimum of \$150,000 for the timber and \$117,000 for the bare land.

The State Division of Forestry is desirous of acquiring additional forest lands in the State, but the State Lands Commission's school lands, being in the National Forest, are not available or advantageous to them. It has, therefore, been suggested that the State Lands Commission exchange the school lands within the National Forest for other federal lands outside of the forest, which latter lands shall be sold to the Division of Forestry. Through this exchange, it is anticipated that a consolidated tract of timber lands could be obtained which would be advantageous to the Division of Forestry in its State forest program.

Messrs. DeWitt Nelson, Candless and Goldsmith of the Division of Forestry, appeared before the Commission in regard to this matter and presented the views of the Board of Forestry.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried a resolution was adopted authorizing for subsequent submission to the State Lands Commission a report in collaboration with the Division of Forestry, on a program of consolidation of school land and forest lands by exchange with the U.S. and a determination of values of such consolidated lands are to be purchased by the Division of Forestry. Before such lands are sold to Division of Forestry, said lands are to be advertised for sale by the Commission under pertinent statutes and policies.

28. (Utilization of Base in National Monuments for Acquisition by the State of Vacant Federal Public Domain - Section 7405.1 of the Public Resources Code added by 1947 Statutes) The Commission was informed that in the 1947 legislative session, authority was given to the Commission to obtain from the Federal Government lands in lieu of school lands now belonging to the State and contained in National Monuments, such lieu lands after acquisition by the State to be sold in the same manner as school lands. The State owns approximately 108,000 acres and 43,000 acres in Death Valley National Monument and Joshua Tree National Monument, respectively, which lands have been withheld from sale by the State as a matter of policy. It is therefore in the interests of the State to take advantage of Section 7405.1 of the Public Resources Code, as above mentioned, and acquire lieu lands equivalent in area which could be sold advantageously at the present time because of the great demand on the part of the public.