

Advice has now been received from the National Field Examiner of the Bureau of Land Management in San Francisco that "Camp Irwin is not to become surplus as was at first intended because the Army has withdrawn its declaration and will continue to use the area indefinitely."

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted rescinding action of March 19, 1948 with respect to exchange of approximately 108,000 acres and 43,000 acres of State school land in Death Valley monument and in Joshua Tree National Monument, respectively, for the approximate 120,000 acres of Federal Land at Camp Irwin in San Bernardino County, and continuing authorization to use as much surveyed acreage of Death Valley National monument or Joshua Tree National Monument lands as may be needed as base for the acquisition of the 9,000 acres of Federal lands between Highway 99 and the Salton Sea in Imperial County.

36. (Kaiser Company, Inc. purchase of lands covered by Easements 315 and 316 P.R.C., - S.D. - Prop. Lands) The Commission was informed that on March 24, 1947, the State granted 15-year Easements 315 and 316 across vacant school lands in Section 36, T. 7 S., R. 12 E., and Section 16, T. 6 S., R. 14 E., S.B.M. to Kaiser Company, Inc., for the purpose of building and maintaining a railroad to the Eagle Mountain iron ore deposit. Due to mortgage requirements of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation with the Kaiser Company, Inc., said company made application to purchase portions of these two sections.

On June 25, 1948, the State Lands Commission authorized the sale to said Kaiser Company, Inc., of the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $W\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16, T. 6 S., R. 14 E., and $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ and $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, T. 7 S., R. 12 E., S.B.M. containing 360 acres in Riverside County, at a cash price of \$2.00 per acre or the appraised value, whichever is higher, and subject to all statutory reservations. On September 15, 1948, the State patented said lands to Kaiser Company, Inc., for \$720.00, cash.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the cancellation of Easements Nos. P.R.C. 315 and 316, covering the railroad right of way over said lands and further that pursuant to Section 5509 of the Public Resources Code the Kaiser Company, Inc., upon surrender of the easements shall receive from the State Lands Commission a certificate entitling it to a refund of the last year's rental and the unearned portion of the second year's rental heretofore paid into the State School Fund from Easements Nos. P.R.C. 315 and 316 in the amounts of \$224.04 and \$225.36, respectively.

37. (Contracts, Services of Experts - Defense of State's Interest in its Marginal Sea Area) The Commission was informed that preparation of the State's defense of claims to inland waters, under the Supreme Court decision of June 23, 1947, when appearing before the Master in Chancery appointed by the Court, has resulted in the necessity to employ experts in oceanography for consulting, research and testimonial purposes.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to issue contracts for expert services of Dr. U. S. Grant of the University of California, Los Angeles, and Dr. F. P. Shepard of Scripps Institute of Oceanography. Said contracts to be for services necessary during the period September 15, 1948 through June 30, 1949 and to provide for payment to the contractors at the rates of \$75.00 per day for consulting and research services and \$100.00 per day as expert witnesses, plus necessary expenses. Payments under these contracts shall not exceed the sum of \$3,000.00 each.