

16. (WRITE-OFF OF SMALL DIFFERENCES, LEASE ROYALTY AND RENTAL ACCOUNTS - S.D., MISC.) The Commission was informed that at its meeting held September 19, 1947, the State Lands Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to obtain authority from the State Board of Control under Chapter 238, Statutes of 1947, to write off debit and credit balances of royalties receivable up to fifty cents. Such authority was granted by the State Board of Control under date of December 30, 1947, the authority being restricted to those accounts not under controversy between the State and the Federal Government.

The Commission was further informed that it has now been found that the amount stated in the authority granted, i. e., fifty cents, is insufficient, and that the interests of the State will best be served if the amount of such adjustment be fixed at any amount "less than \$1.00" which maximum amount is fixed by law.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted rescinding the action of September 19, 1947, Minute Item No. 22, and authorizing the Executive Officer to request authority from the State Board of Control to adjust differences between royalties earned and payments received from operators, for debit or credit balances of accounts receivable, in amounts of less than \$1.00 in accordance with Sections 13145 and 13943.5, Government Code, except that this authority shall not apply to royalties or receivables from leases located on tide and submerged lands, currently under controversy between the State and the Federal Government, said request for authority to be presented to, and be approved by the Division of Audits, prior to presentation to the Board of Control.

17. (SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION NO. 4702, SACRAMENTO LAND DISTRICT, YOLO COUNTY, MESSRS. JOHN ADAN AND MARION H. STEPHENS - SAC. W.O.'S 182, 213) The Commission was informed that an offer of \$248.46 or \$3.00 per acre has been received from Messrs. Adan and Stephens of Esparto, California, to purchase the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lot 1 (or NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 6, T. 12 N., R. 4 W., M.D.M., containing 82.82 acres in Yolo County.

The Assessor of Yolo County has assessed contiguous land at \$2.19 per acre, thus indicating an appraised value of the land of \$4.38 per acre, however, these contiguous lands are traversed by Cache Creek and have considerable grazing land and considerable Oak timber. An appraisal by the Commission's staff indicates that the offer as made is adequate.

Lot 1 (or NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 6 has an elevation of 625 to 900 feet. It was burnt over about three years ago and now is practically bare except for a few scrub pines and some browsing. The land lies on a steep northerly slope, has no grazing value, no agricultural value, no timber value, no indication of mining and there is no access to the land except through privately owned land on all sides except the south which is vacant government land but very difficult of access, being extremely rough, mountainous and brushy. The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 6 has an elevation of about 650 to 1300 feet and also lies on a steep northerly slope. There is no timber and it is covered with very heavy brush. The land is very rough and has no value except for hunting purposes. The only access is through government land on the south which is difficult, being covered with dense brush. The cost of putting in a road to either of said parcels is prohibitive for the purpose desired, hunting.

The land was advertised for sale with a stipulation that no offer of less than \$248.46 would be accepted. Messrs. Adan and Stephens bid \$248.46. Mr. Harry D. Everett of Brooks, Yolo County, California, has made a second offer of \$414.10 or \$5.00 per acre. (Application No. 4722, Sacramento Land District, Sac. W.O. 213).

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the sale of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lot 1 (or NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 6, T. 12 N., R. 4 W., M.D.M., to the first applicants Messrs. Adan and Stephens, at a cash price of \$414.10, subject to all statutory reservations, including minerals. Should Messrs. Adan and Stephens not accept, it is further recommended that the lands be sold to Mr. Harry D. Everett at a cash price of \$414.10, subject to all statutory reservations, including minerals.

18. (REQUEST FOR DISCHARGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY RE FOLLOWING LEASES: LEASE NO. 637, CHAP. 493/17, B. V. BRASHER, RECREATIONAL LEASE, FISH CANYON: LEASE NO. P.R.C. 1053, F. E. SMOUSE, RECREATIONAL LEASE, FISH CANYON - W.O. 358) The Commission was informed that Lease 637, Chap. 493/17, B. V. Brasher, was cancelled by the State Lands Commission 4/27/44 for failure to pay the 10th annual rental within the fifteen day period after becoming due. The sum of \$15.00 forwarded by Mr. Howard Clark, assignee of the lease, to cover rental, was refunded him. Apparently the entry of this rental charge on the records was incorrect and the Attorney General's office recommends that discharge of accountability be sought.

Lease P.R.C. 1053, F. E. Smouse, was cancelled by the Commission 3/24/47 for failure to pay the fourth and fifth annual rentals, in the amount of \$60.00. The Attorney General's office has made several efforts to collect this amount without success, and advises that in view of the amount, further collection costs are not justified, and that a discharge of accountability be sought.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to request a discharge of accountability from the State Board of Control in the matter of Lease No. 637, Chap. 493/17, B. V. Brasher, 10th annual rental, \$15.00; and in the matter of Lease No. P.R.C. 1053, Frank E. Smouse, fourth and fifth annual rental in the amount of \$60.00, and that upon receipt of same, the accounts be written off the records of the State Lands Commission.

19. (APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT OF STATE GRAZING LEASE NO. P.R.C. 1198 - MONO COUNTY - ROBERT E. TAYLOR - W.O. 614) The Commission was informed that an application has been received from Robert E. Taylor, lessee under State Grazing Lease No. P.R.C. 1198, covering all of Section 36, T. 5 S., R. 37 E., M.D.M., Mono County, issued December 10, 1948, for a period of five years at an annual rental of \$128.00, for approval of an assignment of the lease to the Bozarth and Rudnick Company of Ivanpah, California.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to approve the assignment of Lease No. P.R.C. 1198, covering all of Section 36, T. 5 S., R. 37 E., M.D.M., Mono County, from Robert E. Taylor to Bozarth and Rudnick Company.

20. (CELLI BROTHERS, REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SUBLEASE - W.O. 629, P.R.C. 494) The Commission was informed that Celli Brothers of Stockton have applied for lease of certain tide and submerged lands in Sacramento River (Item 5 of these minutes). They have requested, in connection with their lease application that