

25. (APPLICATION TO USE VERMONT LOTS FOR PARKING, LOS ANGELES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION - W.O. 92, P.R.C. 540) The Commission was informed that it has under its jurisdiction Lots 31, 32, 37, 38, 40 and 42 in Tract 1206 in the Vermont-Melrose area of Los Angeles and has withheld same from sale pending acquisition by purchase of these lots by the Los Angeles City Board of Education.

The Board of Education is contemplating a building program on the block heretofore acquired from the State Lands Commission which block has been used for automobile parking space for the students. Because of this situation, the Board of Education is presently requesting the State Lands Commission to authorize them to permit students to use Lots 37, 38 and 42 of Tract 1206 for parking purposes. The Board of Education makes no charge for this parking and supervises such parking to avoid liability. Lot 37 is under lease to the Foster and Kleiser Outdoor Advertising Company for maintenance of outdoor advertising signs. In order to use this latter lot to the extent not used by the Foster and Kleiser Company, it will be necessary to make arrangements with this firm to permit parking on the unoccupied area. No statutory fees are required.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO GIVE A ONE YEAR PERMIT WITHOUT CHARGE TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE USE OF LOTS 37, 38 AND 42 FOR STUDENT AUTOMOBILE PARKING, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL ASSUME ALL LIABILITIES AND RELIEVE THE STATE FROM ANY LIABILITY, AND FURTHER THAT PERMISSION BE OBTAINED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM THE FOSTER AND KLEISER COMPANY FOR USE OF THE UNOCCUPIED PORTION OF LOT 37. PERMIT IS TO BE GRANTED SUBJECT TO TERMINATION BY THE STATE AT ANY TIME WITHIN THE ONE YEAR PERIOD.

26. (REFUND UNDER CANCELLED GRAZING LEASE P.R.C. NO. 1174, WILLIAM J. WALKER, VENTURA COUNTY) The Commission was informed that on July 6, 1950 (Minute Page 25, 1156, Item 32), the Commission authorized the sale of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Section 16, T. 4 N., R. 20 W., S.B.M., containing 152.90 acres in Ventura County, to Harold L. Pierce at a cash price of \$764.50. Authorization of this sale automatically cancelled Grazing Lease P.R.C. No. 1174 covering the same land, held by William J. Walker, the fifth annual rental for which had been prepaid for the period June 12, 1951, to June 11, 1952. Section 6509 of the Public Resources Code provides that if a lease is terminated by reason of a sale of the lands, the lessee shall surrender the lease to the Commission and shall receive in exchange therefor from the Commission a certificate showing the amount of the annual payment to be refunded to the lessee for the tract of land that has been disposed of by the State. Therefore, Mr. Walker, as the lessee, is entitled to a refund of the unearned balance of the fifth annual rental prepaid at the time of executing the lease, amounting to a total of \$32.70.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE A REFUND CERTIFICATE TO MR. WILLIAM J. WALKER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32.70 REPRESENTING THE UNEARNED RENTAL UNDER CANCELLED GRAZING LEASE P.R.C. NO. 1174 UPON SURRENDER OF SAID ORIGINAL GRAZING LEASE BY MR. WALKER.

Note: Arrival of Lt. Governor Knight occurred at this point.

27. (ACQUISITION OF STATE LANDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY - P.R.C. 358, MINUTE PAGES 854, 1119-1120) The Commission was informed that on May 27, 1948, it passed the following resolution with respect to the use of scattered sections of State school land in the National Forests which lands are to be used as base for acquisition of a consolidated area of forest land for the

ultimate benefit of the Division of Forestry:

"Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the execution of a contract with Division of Forestry for sale to them of the consolidated lands to be acquired by the State Lands Commission up to a value of \$267,000 subject to subsequent approval by the Commission of the specific lands to be conveyed to the Division of Forestry."

The State school lands proposed to be used as base in the exchange involve one-hundred and one parcels comprising approximately 23,400 acres. These parcels are located within National Forests in eighteen different counties in the Coast, Siskiyou, Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountain areas. They have been appraised at approximately \$359,390 for land and timber. The federal lands in the Mountain Home area comprise some 4,400 acres of timbered lands and have about the same appraised valuation. On April 28, 1950, the Commission was informed that the Division of Forestry would not have money available until appropriated by the Legislature for the purchase of the proposed consolidated lands and that the Commission was invited in the meantime to inspect these United States Forest Lands adjacent to the Mountain Home State Forest in the Sierra Foothills of Tulare County. The State Forester requested that, pending some conclusion in the matter, the State Lands Commission withhold from sale the scattered State school lands. On April 28, 1950, the Commission took the following action:

"Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the withholding from sale until September 1, 1950, lands that would be used as base in the exchange for the lands under consideration by Division of Forestry, upon the condition that if application is received from anyone for such lands that the application be considered jointly by the Division of Forestry and the Division of State Lands and a determination be made as to the effect of a specific sale on the proposed forestry program. If there is no effect on the general forestry program for the sale of some isolated tract, then the application will be filed and be presented with such finding to the Commission for sale to the applicant under the standard policy."

On July 12, 1950, in conjunction with the Division of Forestry, and the State Board of Forestry, the Executive Officer and members of the staff of the State Lands Commission made an inspection of the Mountain Home State Forest in Tulare County and the contiguous lands which the Division of Forestry hopes that the State Lands Commission will acquire for their benefit. On July 13, 1950, the State Board of Forestry passed the following resolution:

"That it be recommended to the State Lands Commission that they proceed with this proposal to exchange these lands (101 parcels) discussed, for an area of like value in the vicinity of Mountain Home State Forest as generally shown on the map entitled 'School Lands - U.S.F.S. Exchange,' by B. C. Goldsmith, June, 1950."

This resolution was forwarded to the State Lands Commission by State Forestry memorandum of July 24, 1950. In this memorandum the State Forester requested in addition to the consideration of the above resolution that the State Lands Commission consent to extend the agreement of July 2, 1948, until mutually terminated.

It appears to be in the interest of the State to effect the exchange whether the Division of Forestry obtains the necessary funds to purchase these lands contiguous to the Mountain Home State Forest or not because an agreement might be reached between the State Lands Commission and Division of Forestry which would provide for management by the latter and payment into the school fund of any revenues from the sale of timber. Thus some revenue would result whereas none is now received.

Messrs. DeWitt Nelson, State Forester, and T. F. Arbola, Forest Manager, appeared before the Commission in connection with this matter and presented a map outlining the State, Federal, and privately owned lands in the area.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING AN EXCHANGE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF THE 101 PARCELS OF SCATTERED TIMBERED SCHOOL LANDS WITHIN THE NATIONAL FORESTS FOR THE 4,419 ACRES OF TIMBERED LANDS ADJACENT TO THE MOUNTAIN HOME STATE FOREST AND FURTHER THAT UPON ACQUISITION OF THESE FEDERAL LANDS THE SAME BE RESERVED FROM SALE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AFTER ACQUISITION SO THAT THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY MAY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR ACQUISITION FROM THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION OR FOR THEIR MANAGEMENT UNDER AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO STATE AGENCIES INVOLVED.

IT WAS FURTHER AUTHORIZED THAT THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY DATED JUNE 2, 1948 BE EXTENDED TO JUNE 30, 1953.

The meeting recessed at this point at 12:15 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

Note: Lt. Governor Knight not present for the consideration of this item.

28. (AUTHORITY TO INITIATE PROCEEDINGS IN LEASING NEW AREAS FOR TIDELAND OIL AND GAS - W.O. 721) The Commission was informed that the stipulation between the United States Attorney General and Attorney General of California dated July 26, 1947, and the new stipulation dated August 21, 1950 (effective October 1, 1950) requires advance approval by the Secretary of Interior before new leases on tide and submerged lands may be issued. The new stipulation has the additional provision that the Secretary of Interior may request the State to initiate the leasing of tide and submerged land under State law.

In order to issue new leases for oil and gas development the following steps are involved:

1. Determination by Executive Officer and staff that tide and submerged lands are being drained or that there is a threat of drainage.
2. Request approval of Secretary of Interior to offering the lands for lease.
3. Obtain authorization from the Commission to publish notice of intention to receive bids for a lease.
4. Receive and open bids.
5. Notify Secretary of Interior of bids and receive approval for issuance of lease.