MINUTE ITEM 7/20/65

23. APPROVAL OF UNITED STATES TOWNSHIP PLAT IN TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SAN BERNARDINO MERIDIAN, ENTITLED "CORRECTION SURVEY OF SECTION 36", PREPARED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, DATED OCTOBER 28, 1964, RIVERSIDE COUNTY - W.O. 5699.

At the request of the Executive Officer, action on Calendar Item 9 attached was deferred, for consideration at a later meeting.

Attachment
Calendar Item 9 (1 page)

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Samuel F. Curtis is the present owner of Lots 1 and 2 in Section 36, T. 3 S., R. 23 E., S.B.M. The "Correction Survey of Section 36", prepared by the Bureau of Land Management, shows "Accretion" to Lots 1 and 2, which extends to the 1964 right bank of the Colorado River. A Bureau of Land Management "Accretion Survey" means that the United States has made a study of the various historical positions of the Colorado River, and has determined that the accretion was naturally formed as the river moved slowly and imperceptibly from the 1879 meander line to the 1964 meander line. This also means that the United States disclaims any interest in the accreted area.

The State Lands Division has made an independent study from old maps which are available, and the results confirm the findings of the United States Bureau of Land Management. Therefore, the State of California has no claim to any of the accreted area.

Samuel F. Curtis is seeking assurance that he is the owner of the accretion to Lots 1 and 2. A boundary line agreement cannot be consummated because the shoreline is still subject to natural changes. The only other course remaining is for the State Lands Commission to approve the Bureau of Land Management accretion survey. By so doing, the State also disclaims any interest in the accreted area. (See Exhibit "A")

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO APPROVE:

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