

23. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, SUBMERGED LAND BENEATH MIDDLE ALKALI LAKE AND THE WATERWAY CONNECTING MIDDLE ALKALI LAKE AND LOWER LAKE, SURPRISE VALLEY, MODOC COUNTY; AMERICAN THERMAL RESOURCES, INC. - W 9585, PRC 4906.1.

After consideration of Calendar Item 22 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINES THAT A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE DIVISION FOLLOWING EVALUATION OF COMMENTS AND CONSULTATION WITH PUBLIC AGENCIES WHICH WILL ISSUE APPROVALS FOR THE PROJECT.
2. CERTIFIES THAT THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR NO. 149) HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT OF 1970, AS AMENDED, AND THE STATE GUIDELINES AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
3. DETERMINES THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
4. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6904 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO AMERICAN THERMAL RESOURCES, INC., TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ON ALL THOSE STATE-OWNED LANDS UNDER THE BED AND SHORES OF MIDDLE ALKALI LAKE AND THE WATERWAY CONNECTING MIDDLE ALKALI LAKE AND LOWER LAKE, MODOC COUNTY, SITUATED WITHIN SECTIONS 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, AND 20, T 40 N, R 17 E; SECTIONS 29, 30, 31, AND 32, T 41 N, R 17 E; AND SECTION 36, T 41 N, R 16 E; MDM, CONTAINING 1,270 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 24, 1974, THROUGH APRIL 23, 1977, UTILIZING THE FORM OF PERMIT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF; SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS INCORPORATED IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 149, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

Attachment:

Calendar Item 22 (2 pages)

CALENDAR ITEM

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

APPLICANT: American Thermal Resources, Inc.

LOCATION: Surprise Valley, Modoc County.

TYPE OF LAND: Submerged land beneath Middle Alkali Lake and the Waterway connecting Middle Alkali Lake and Lower Lake.

ACREAGE: 4,270 acres, more or less.

SURFACE OWNER: The State of California (submerged land).

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

- a. Application approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
- b. Land has not been classified as known geothermal resources land.
- c. Statutory filing fee, permit fee, and expense deposit have been submitted by applicant.

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The Federal government has asserted a claim of ownership of the alkali lakes.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Environmental Impact Report No. 149 has been prepared and is on file in the Office of the State Lands Commission, available for public review. Upon discovery of geothermal resources, the preferential right to convert the permit into a geothermal lease will be subject to an additional environmental impact report covering the proposed commercial operations.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

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