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was approved as Minute upin No 9 by the State Lunda C9. Commission by a vote cl 3 to o at its b-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSION meeting.

> At its January 15, 1976 meeting, the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to execute a contract with the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory (hereinafter LBL) for geothormal research. The contract required construction of a heat sensing device, data collection and analysis, and research reports on various subjects. The funds for the contract wore derived in part from an FEA grant to the State. The contract was to terminate on May 15, 1976. Difficulties were encountered by LBL in acquiring the required parts, creating delays in the development of the sensing devices which delayed the data collection phase of the project. The staff felt that the data was an essential part of the project. It became apparent to the staff in May that LBL would not be able to complete the project on time as proposed. As such, they requested that LBL continue to work on the project, collect the necessary data, and make the reports by July 15, 1976. LBL has continued to work on the project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN EXTENSION OF THE LAWRENCE BERKELEY LABORATORY-SINTE LANDS DIVISION CONTRACT NO. LC 6028 TO AND INCLUDING JULY 15, 1976.