

This Calendar Item No. 25
was approved as Minute Item
No. 25 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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PUBLIC HEARING FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES
FROM BOGGS MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST

Applications for permits to prospect for geothermal resources on Boggs Mountain State Forest have been received from Geothermal Kinetics, Inc., of Phoenix, Arizona.

The applicant provided funds for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and the report has been drafted by staff in accordance with provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. The draft report was prepared in consultation with the California Division of Forestry, proprietary owner of the land, and the County of Lake, and other interested agencies.

The project calls for exploration by geological and geophysical methods and the drilling of two exploratory wells. Staff, in conjunction with the applicant and the Division of Forestry, selected five potential drill sites which would create the least interference with Forestry's primary objective for sustained yield timber management. Only two of these five sites will be utilized during the exploratory phase.

Should the applicant discover geothermal resources in commercial quantities, he will be entitled to a lease subject to appropriate environmental clearances. Before any lease is issued, the staff will prepare an environmental impact report covering the development phase of the project. The applicant is aware and has agreed to this contingency.

The permit provides that the applicant must comply with all local rules and regulations. In order to drill an exploratory well, the applicant must obtain a use permit from Lake County.

In an effort to speed the process and assist the County in its procedures, it is recommended that a joint hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Report be held by the Commission staff and the Lake County Planning Commission. The hearing would be held in Lakeport as a convenience to those most directly affected.

Adoption of the final environmental impact report and formal request for issuance of the proposed permits would be the subject of a future request to the Commission, and would require a separate action on its part.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO HOLD A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION IN JANUARY, 1977, IN LAKEPORT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, CONCERNING AN APPLICATION TO PROSPECT FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ON BOGGS MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST.

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