

MINUTE ITEM

This Minute Item No. 50
was approved at Minute Item
No. 50 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 12/15/76
meeting.

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QUIET TITLE ACTION

The State of California is one of several defendants in a Quiet Title Action entitled Dominici v. Coates, filed in Kings County Superior Court No. 26494. The complaint parcel includes an area known as Mussel Slough.

Research by State Lands Division staff indicates that Mussel Slough originally comprised part of the drainage of an area north of Tulare Lake. Under natural conditions, it flowed south-westerly from a point northeast of the town of Hanford to Tulare Lake at a point northeast of the town of Stratford. Stratford is in the former bed of Tulare Lake.

The complaint parcel is located approximately five miles upstream from the apparent 1855 mouth of Mussel Slough. The Slough was not meandered by the 1855 GLO Survey and Division staff has been unable to find any evidence of its navigability at any time.

The area is presently dry and shown on the Hanford Quad Sheet as disconnected segments.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO FILE, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION, A DISCLAIMER OF ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN THE CASE OF DOMINICI V. COATES, KINGS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO. 26494.