MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 15
was approved as Minute Item
No. 15 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 11/29/82
meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

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11/29/82
PRC 5905
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APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF PERMIT
TO PROSPECT FOR MINERALS
OTHER THAN OIL AND GAS
AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, RIVERSIDE COUNTY

PERMITTEE: Harold Ladd Pierce
1302 Rossmore Tower
D-4 Laguna Hills Business Park
Laguna Hills, California 92653

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:
Approximately 56 acres of patented State school land comprising a fractional portion of the SW¼ NE¼, and all of Lot 7, of Section 24, T3S, R3E, SBM in Riverside County. Section 24 is situated in the San Gorgonio Pass area near the confluence of the Whitewater River and the San Gorgonio River, approximately seven miles northwest of Palm Springs.

MINERALS: Primarily feldspathic blow sand, as well as all other minerals other than oil, gas and geothermal resources. The State retained 100 percent of the minerals in the subject area.

TERMS OF EXTENSION:
November 1, 1982 through October 31, 1983.

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PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

Application submitted by applicant.

Statutory fees have been submitted by applicant.

AB 884: N/A.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Prospecting Permit PRC 5905.2 was approved by the Commission on September 24, 1980, effective November 1, 1980. The permit granted the permittee an exclusive right for a period of two years to prospect for minerals other than oil and gas and geothermal resources. It was Harold Ladd Pierce's intent to determine if feldspathic sand exists in commercial quantities and, if so, to then propose a plan for its extraction.

The permittee has discovered feldspathic sands, mica, heavy minerals, and clay deposits under the issued permit.

The permittee is requesting a one-year extension of the permit to further correlate the feldspathic sand horizons on the State parcels with adjacent lands to determine the areal extent and chemical and physical variations of the sands, which may prove suitable for the commercial manufacture of ceramics. Further investigation of the clay deposit is planned. There have been no other applications or inquiries for the parcels to date.

Section 6891 of the P.R.C. provides that the Commission may, in its discretion, extend the term of any prospecting permit for a period not to exceed one year.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Pursuant to Section 21000 of the P.R.C., Negative Declaration EIR ND No. 266 was prepared. The Negative Declaration was circulated and certified by the Commission on September 24, 1980, as being in com-

pliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. Certification included the determination that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment. Upon discovery of commercially valuable minerals, the preferential right to convert the permit into a mineral extraction lease is subject to the preparation of an EIR covering the proposed lease operations and the discretion of the Commission after consideration of the material presented therein.

Authority Cited: Section 15060, Title 14, Cal. Adm. Code.

EXHIBITS:
A. Land Description.
B. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 266 HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN CIRCULATED AND CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THIS PROJECT IN COMPIANCE WITH CEQA OF 1970, AS AMENDED AND THE CEQA GUIDELINES.

2. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6891 OF THE P.R.C., AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 1983, OF PROSPECTING PERMIT 5905.2, ISSUED TO HAROLD LADD PIERCE TO PROSPECT FOR ALL MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL AND GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES; ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT ARE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

EXHIBIT "A"

EXTENSION OF MINERAL PROSPECTING PERMIT

PRC 5905.2

LAND DESCRIPTION

PARCEL 1

A portion of the SW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 24, T. 3 S., R. 3 E., SBM, bounded as follows:

Bounded on the East by Gov. Lot 14;
Bounded on the South by Gov. Lots 17 and 18;
Bounded on the West by the northerly extension of the west line of Gov. Lot 18;
Bounded on the North by the southerly R/W line of State Highway 111.

PARCEL 2

The NE¼ of the SW¼ of Section 24, T. 3 S., R. 3 E., SBM.

END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED SEPTEMBER 10, 1980 BY TECHNICAL SERVICES UNIT, ROY MINNICK, SUPERVISOR.

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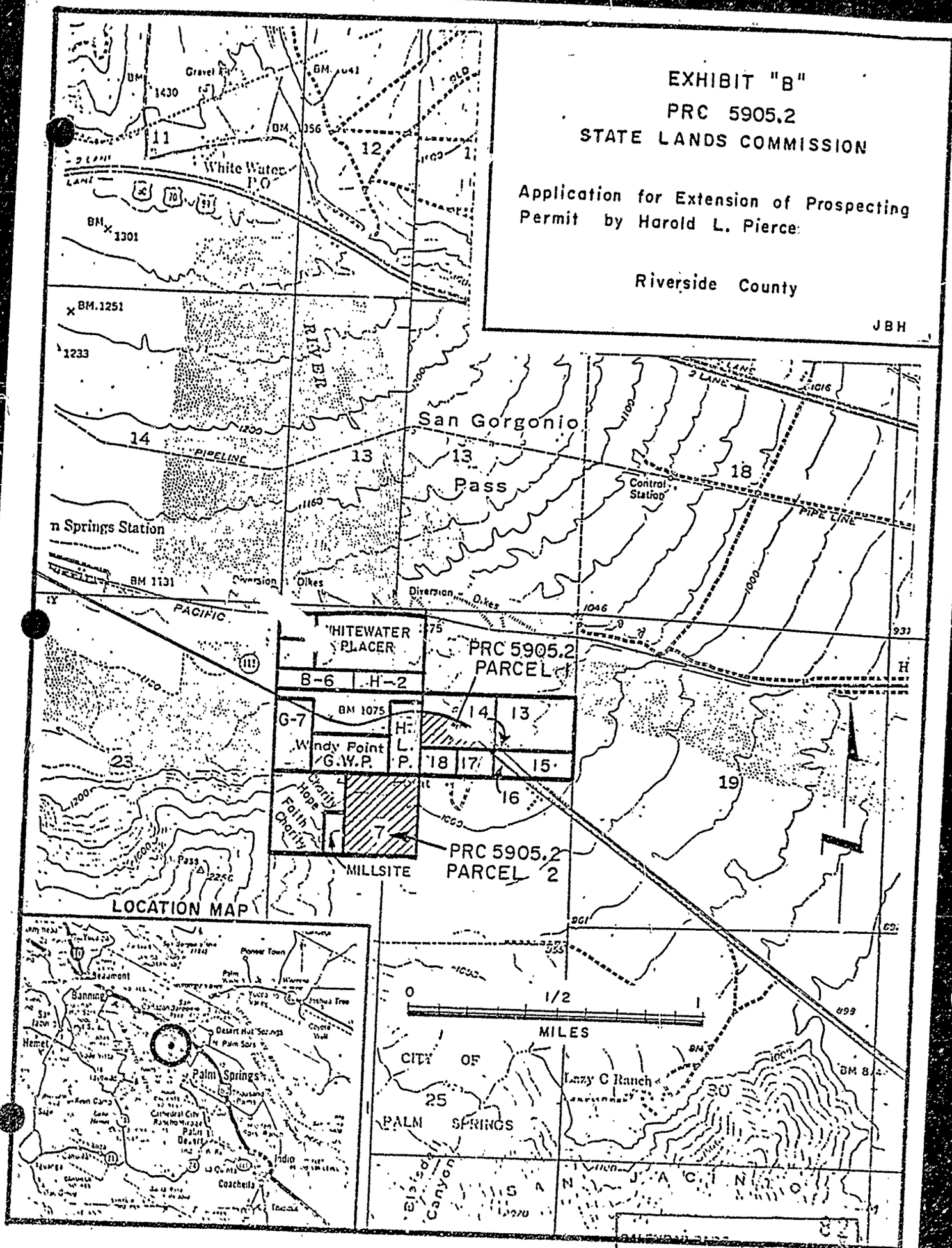
EXHIBIT "B"
PRC 5905.2
STATE LANDS COMMISSION
Application for Extension of Prospecting Permit by Harold L. Pierce
Riverside County
JBH
White Water P.O.
RIVER
San Gorgonio Pass
PIPELINE
Control Station
PIPE LINE
n Springs Station
Diversion Dikes
PACIFIC
WHITEWATER PLACER
B-6
H-2
G-7
BM 1075
Windy Point G.W.P.
H. L. P.
Charity Hope Faith Charity
MILLSITE
PRC 5905.2 PARCEL 1
PRC 5905.2 PARCEL 2
LOCATION MAP
Beaumont
Banning
Hemet
Palm Springs
Desert Hot Springs
Indio
Coachella
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CITY OF PALM SPRINGS
Lazy C Ranch
Canyon
SAN JACINTO
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