MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 23 was approved as Minute Item No 23 by the State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 12/22/83 meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

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INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT
FOR SURFACE MANAGEMENT FOR RECREATIONAL USE BY
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ON
THREE PARCELS OF STATE SCHOOL LANDS IN
RIVERSIDE AND IMPERIAL COUNTIES

Various desert areas throughout California, Nevada, and Arizona, have become popular destination sites for winter campers. These visitors, termed "snowbirds", generally travel in self-contained vehicles establishing temporary residence at a site, often for the entire winter season.

For a number of years, BLM has imposed 14-day visitation limits on federal lands to encourage rotating, rather than long-term use. This year the BLM established Long-Term Visitor Areas (LTVAs), in addition to the short term sites with permits required for use, to better control extended visits. This was done as part of a "regional snowbird management program".

Two parcels of State lands are intermingled within a short-term visitation area while one parcel is located within a long-term site (see Exhibit "B").

Consistent management of these State and BLM parcels is in the best interest of the State. Lack of such management could create intensive use as visitors would prefer unrestricted State lands to the restrictive BLM areas.

The BLM, with Commission staff concurrence, proposes the implementation of an Interagency Agreement to extend BLM recreational management to the described State parcel inholdings. The agreement would provide for consistent limits on use, length of visitation, and other applicable standards. Such restrictions would be enforced by BLM personnel.

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The agreement would provide for a five-year term with provisions for amendments. No interest in real property would be conveyed and the agreement would not be one for exclusive use.

Staff will continue to investigate the possibility of exchanging the involved parcels for less impacted property.

This project is exempt from CEQA because it involves an action to protect the environment as specified in 14 CAC, Div. 6, Section 15308.

One parcel on which this activity is situated -- Exhibit "A", Parcel 3 -- was identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to PRC 6370.1 and is classified in a use category "A" which authorizes Restricted Use. The activity will not have a significant effect upon the identified environmental values.

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

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH DOCUMENT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF P.R.C. 21084, 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15300, ET SEQ., AND FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE LAND'S USE CLASSIFICATION (WHERE APPLICABLE), PURSUANT TO PRC 6370.1.

2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, FOR RECREATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF THREE SCHOOL LAND PARCELS LOCATED IN RIVERSIDE AND IMPERIAL COUNTIES, ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

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EXHIBIT "A"

LAND DESCRIPTION

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Three parcels of California State school lands in Riverside and Imperial Counties, California, described as follows:

PARCEL 1

Section 16, T8S, R20E, SBM.

Parcel 2

Secion 36, T13S, R17E, SBM.

Parcel 3

Section 36, T13S, R17½E, SBM.

END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED NOVEMBER 30, 1983 BY BOUNDARY AND TITLE UNIT, LEROY WEED, SUPERVISOR.

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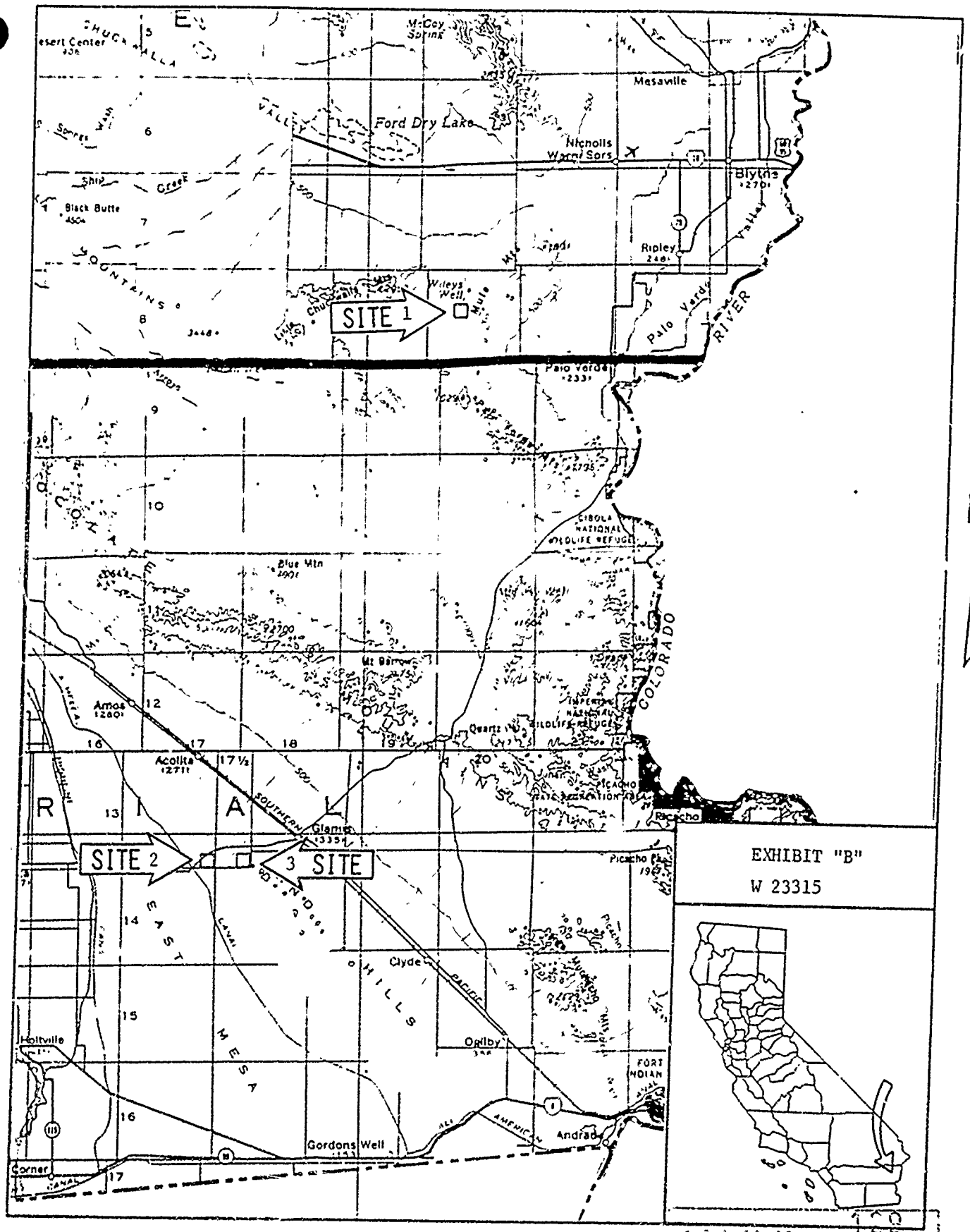
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