

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 19  
was approved as Minute Item  
No. 19 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 2  
to 0 at its 3/27/86  
meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

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03/27/86  
PRC 6398  
Hoagland

AUTHORIZE NOTIFICATION OF DEFAULT OF  
DRILLING OBLIGATIONS UNDER  
GEOTHERMAL LEASE PRC 6398, MENDOCINO COUNTY

APPLICANT: M-S-R Public Power Agency  
Attn: Greg Pohl  
P. O. Box 4060  
Modesto, California 95352

AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:  
Approximately 320 acres of school lands in the  
north half, Section 28, T12N R9W, MDM,  
Mendocino County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On March 24, 1983 the State Lands Commission  
approved the issuance to M-S-R Public Power  
Agency of a geothermal lease by competitive  
public bid in the northwest portion of The  
Geysers Geothermal Field, Mendocino County.

The lease was for a primary term of ten years.  
In addition to paying a royalty of 12.5 percent  
of the gross revenue received, the lessee also  
agreed to pay 12 percent of the net profits  
derived from the lease.

Other terms of the lease require that the  
lessee:

1. Drill an exploratory well to evaluate the  
geothermal resources within three years of  
the lease issue date (March 24, 1983)
2. Submit annually a plan of development and  
operation.

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The lessee has not drilled an exploratory well or filed an application to drill a well with the Commission or the Division of Oil and Gas (lead agency for geothermal exploratory projects under CEQA). Preparation of the environmental document could by statute require up to 135 days.

On March 24, 1986, the lessee, M-S-R Public Power Agency was in default under this lease for failure to have drilled an exploratory well. As to annual plans, M-S-R has submitted only one report, on March 21, 1984, which the staff deemed inadequate. The failure to file the required development plans compounds the default.

On March 6, 1986, a representative of S.A.I. Geothermal, Inc. was present to testify in favor of extension of the drill-by date for PRC 6398, but the request was denied.

AB 884:

N/A.

EXHIBIT:

A. Site Map

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA because the activity is not a "project" as defined by CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

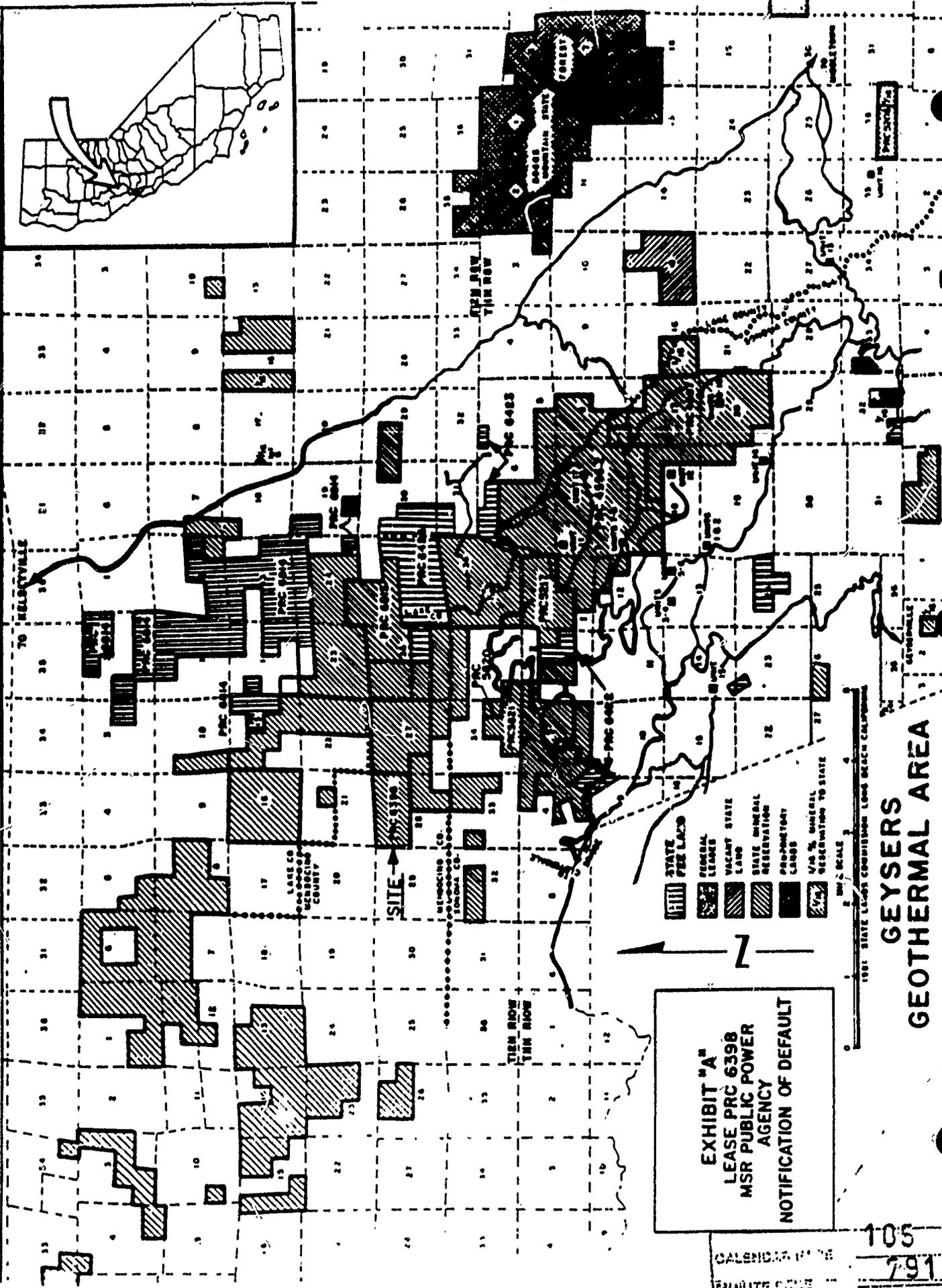
Authority: P.R.C. 21080(a) P.R.C. 21065  
and 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15378.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061 BECAUSE IT IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15378.

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2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NOTIFY M-S-R PUBLIC POWER AGENCY UNDER STATE GEOTHERMAL LEASE PRC 6398 ON MARCH 24, 1986 THAT THEY HAVE FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE DRILLING OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE LEASE AND ARE IN DEFAULT PURSUANT TO SECTION 33 OF THE LEASE AND FURTHER THAT FAILURE TO CURE THE DEFAULT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE MAY CAUSE CANCELLATION OF THE LEASE.



**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**LEASE PRC 6398**  
**MSR PUBLIC POWER**  
**AGENCY**  
**NOTIFICATION OF DEFAULT**

- [Hatched Box] STATE LAND
- [Hatched Box] FEDERAL LAND
- [Hatched Box] PRIVATE LAND
- [Hatched Box] STATE MINERAL RESERVATION
- [Hatched Box] PREEMPTORY CLAIMS
- [Hatched Box] 1/4 & 1/2 MINERAL RESERVATION TO STATE

**GEYSERMAL AREA**

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