

MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. 36
was approved as Minute Item
No. 36 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 5/31/89
meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
TO AWARD CONTRACT
FOR MINERAL LAND APPRAISAL OF SCHOOL LANDS
SCHOOL LANDS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

APPLICANT: State Lands Commission
1807 - 13th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

The purpose of this contract is to complete the mineral land evaluation of the East Mojave National Scenic Area (EMNSA) and the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) to provide a basis for negotiating the School Lands Exchange Program with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The mineral evaluation will determine the mineral potential of the parcels that will be used in negotiating the land exchange with BLM.

The contract is to be let on a sole source basis to P. K. Morton and Associates which was awarded the contract for mineral evaluation of 23 parcels within CDCA in 1987. The bid process for that contract resulted in the two other bidders not meeting the experience requirement required within the request for proposals. To the knowledge of staff or of the local geologic community, Paul Morton is still the only qualified field geologist who has the experience and capability to satisfactorily provide the quality of mineral assessment that is required for this project. Mr. Morton has agreed to a per parcel cost which is twenty-percent (20%) lower than the cost within the original contract due to his ability to streamline his system of investigations.

The State will benefit from the exchange by improving the logistics of the land managed by SLC by eliminating many of the scattered parcels located within the CDCA and EMNSA and replacing those parcels with properties with better revenue generating potential.

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CONTRACTOR

AMOUNT OF CONTRACT

P. K. MORTON AND ASSOCIATES, COSTA MESA, CA

\$81,000.00

AB 884: N/A.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY P.R.C. 21065 AND 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15378.
2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HER DESIGNEE TO AWARD AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH P. K. MORTON AND ASSOCIATES OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$81,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A MINERAL EVALUATIONS OF SCHOOL LANDS LOCATED WITHIN CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AREA AND EAST MOJAVE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA.