MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C68 was approved as Minute Item No. 68 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 2 to 0 at its 5-9-96 meeting.

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TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP "ANTHROPOLOGICAL MATERIALS" COLLECTED AT OWENS DRY LAKE

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BACKGROUND:

An anthropological survey was completed for site California-INY-3541 as a part of the 1994-95 environmental review process for the Owens Lake Soda Ash Project. During this process, 914 anthropological items were collected, comprising 153 catalog entries, from lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission (SLC). Field and laboratory notes were also taken and made a part of the official record. The inventoried items collected are:

35 millingstones
13 handstones
3 pestles
4 battered cobbles
1 miscellaneous ground stone fragment
2 bifaces
3 flake tools
211 flaked stone debitage
13 pieces of snail shell

622 pieces of clam shell
7 soil samples

The consultant, Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc., hired to perform the survey, has completed it's work and is prepared to transfer the State's property to an appropriate archive location. The Department of Anthropology Museum, University of California, Davis (UCD), has expressed an interest in the collection and has agreed to preserve the materials and make them available for future study and/or public display.

Staff recommends that the title to the inventoried items and the field and laboratory notes, which are vested in the State pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 6313, be transferred under authority of that section to the UCD Department of Anthropology Museum. It is recommended that title, rather than custody, be transferred to limit the State's future liability and to better protect the items since the SLC does not have the appropriate facilities to store or exhibit them on a long term basis.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Public Resources Code Section 6313 (a) provides:

The title to all abandoned shipwrecks and all other archaeological sites and historic resources on or in the tide and submerged land of California is vested in the State.

All abandoned shipwrecks and all submerged archaeological sites and submerged historic resources of the state shall be in the custody and subject to the control of the commission for benefit of the people of the State of California. The Commission may transfer title , custody , or control to other state agencies or recognized scientific or educational organizations , institutions, or individuals by appropriate legal conveyance.

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

Authority: Public Resources Code Section 21065 and 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15378.

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE OF REGS. 15061 BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND 14 CAL. CODE REGS.15378.

2. AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP (TITLE) OF THE SUBJECT ITEMS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS - DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY MUSEUM.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER
ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATERIALS

This is to certify the transfer of title and ownership of the following collection of archaeological materials, which are historic properties, from the **State of California, State lands Commission** to the **Museum of Anthropology** at the **University of California, Davis:**

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The State Lands Commission pursuant to the authority vested in it by Public Resources Code section 6313 (a), at its meeting of April --, 1996 authorized the transfer of title and thereby ownership the listed "Anthropological Materials" to the Department of Anthropology Museum, UCD.

Transferred this date, May__, 1996 at Sacramento, California.

State Lands Commission

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WILLIAM MORRISION
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER