MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C79 was approved as Minute Item No. 79 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 5/12/97 meeting.

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05/12/97
W 40711
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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A MINERAL PROSPECTING PERMIT FOR VALUABLE MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, AND SAND AND GRAVEL ON STATE SCHOOL LAND, IMPERIAL COUNTY.

BACKGROUND:
Lot 42 Mining, Inc., is requesting permission to conduct mineral prospecting for precious metals on approximately 607.52 acres of school land located in Section 16, T15S, R21E, SBM (APN: 050-320-1801). Prospecting activity will be limited to surface sampling using hand tools. During this preliminary phase of the project, there will be minimal surface disturbance. Two vehicles will be used for access to the project area and will be limited to traveling on existing dirt roads. Any prospecting in off-road areas will be conducted on foot. Results from this phase will be examined to determine if additional prospecting is warranted. A permit amendment would have to be applied for prior to starting additional activity and an appropriate environmental document would be prepared for circulation. The required filing fee, processing fee and acreage deposit for this permit have been submitted by the Applicant.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

A. Public Resources Code: Division 6, Parts 1 and 2; Division 13.

B. California Code of Regulations: Title 2, Section 2200

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:
May 30, 1997

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorically exempt project . The project is exempt under Class 6, Information Collection; Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905 (e)(3).

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300, and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905.

2. This activity involves land identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370 et. seq. Based on the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands, and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project as proposed, is consistent with the its use classification.

3. The subject parcel is not within a BLM wilderness study area and not within the desert land exchange.

4. The proposed project (surface sampling) subject to this permit will not provide sufficient information to establish an economic mineral discovery, and will not lead directly to an application for a preferential lease pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6895.

5. This prospecting permit shall not provide for a performance bond in favor of the State until such time as the extent of further prospecting including significant surface disturbance is proposed by the Applicant.

6. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6890, the prospecting permit document has been approved by the office of the Attorney General as to compliance with applicable provisions of the law.

EXHIBIT:

A. Location Map

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

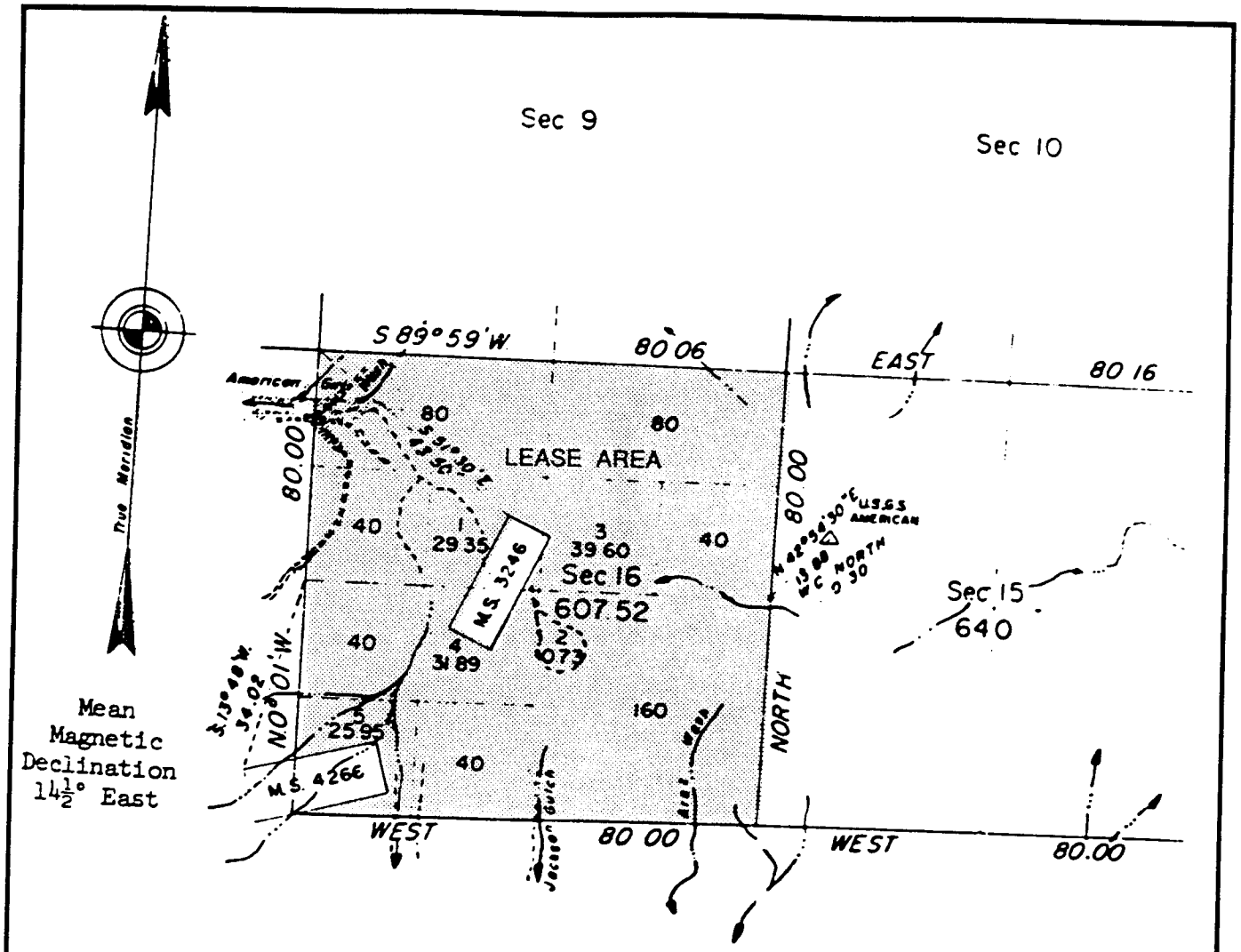
1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION, TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 2905(E)(3).

2. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE

CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

3. DETERMINE THAT THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THE PERMIT IS NOT PRESENTLY KNOWN TO CONTAIN COMMERCIALLY VALUABLE MINERAL DEPOSITS.

4. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF A MINERAL PROSPECTING PERMIT TO LOT 42 MINING, INC. FOR A PRIMARY TERM OF ONE YEAR FOR MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, AND SAND AND GRAVEL ON SECTION 16, T15S, R21E, SBM, IMPERIAL COUNTY, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 607.52 ACRES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD FORM OF PERMIT. THE PROJECT SHALL INCLUDE THIS PROSPECTING PERMIT AND ANY EXTENSION THE COMMISSION MAY GRANT IN ITS DISCRETION FOR THE PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THE PERMIT. ANY EXTENSION SHALL NOT EXCEED ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF ONE YEAR EACH. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE TERM OF A PERMIT EXCEED THREE YEARS.



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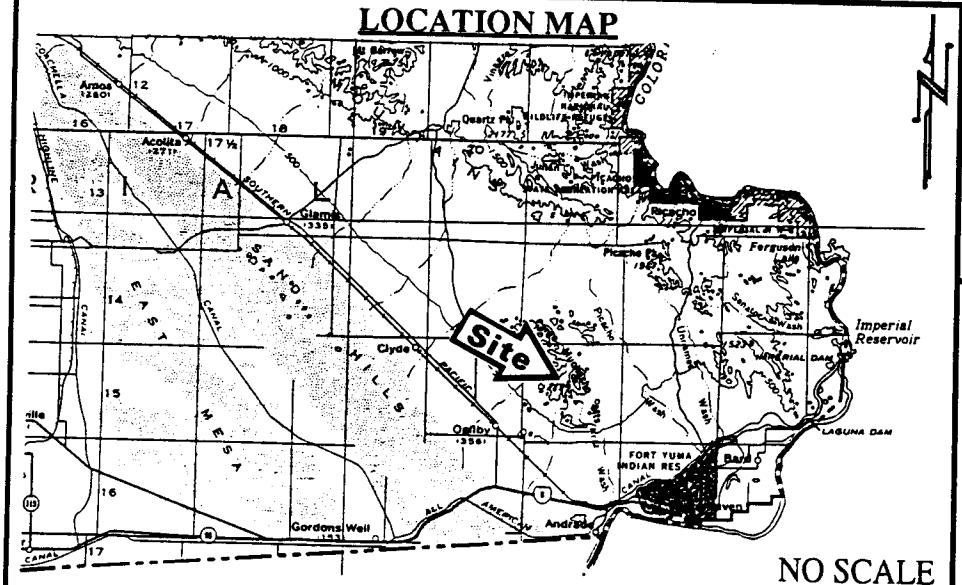
LOCATION MAP



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This Exhibit is solely for purposes of generally defining the lease premises, and is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed as, a waiver or limitation of any State interest in the subject or any other property.

Exhibit A
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APN 50-320-18
Mineral Prospecting Permit
S16, T15S, R21E, SBM
IMPERIAL COUNTY

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