

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C35 was approved as Minute Item No. 35 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 9 at its 06/26/06 meeting.

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PRC 7879

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ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

LESSEE/ASSIGNOR:

California Institute of Technology
1200 E. California Boulevard
Mail Code 100-23
Pasadena, CA 91125

ASSIGNEE:

UNAVCO, Inc.
14540 Sundance Dr.
Reno, NV 89511-9121

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

0.02 acres, more or less, of State school lands located in the northwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 32 North, Range 15 East, MDM, near Susanville, Lassen County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Continued use and maintenance of an existing geodetic monitoring system as shown on Exhibit A.

LEASE TERM:

Ten years, beginning March 1, 2001.

CONSIDERATION:

\$50 per year; with the State reserving the right to fix a different rent periodically during the lease term, as provided in the lease.

SPECIFIC LEASE PROVISIONS:

Liability insurance:

Combined single limit coverage of \$500,000.

Bond:

Surety in the amount of \$10,000.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. On September 17, 2001, the Commission authorized a General Lease – Public Agency Use to California Institute of Technology (Caltech) for a term of ten years. This lease will expire on February 28, 2011. The lease area is improved with a geodetic monitoring system, which is a network of some 20 monitoring sites at about latitude 40° north. The system was established to measure the slow deformation of the earth between the northern Sierra Nevada and the Wasatch Mountains.
2. The National Science Foundation (NSF) has recently funded a new project, entitled the “Plate Boundary Observatory”, to study the three-dimensional strain field resulting from deformation across the active boundary zone between the Pacific and North American plates in the western United States. As part of the new project, the operational responsibility for existing NSF-funded geodetic sites in the western U.S., including those operated by Caltech, is being transferred to a single administrative entity. This entity, UNAVCO, Inc., is a nonprofit organization whose exclusive purpose is to support, promote, and engage in scholarly research, projects and programs involving the application of Global Positioning System to Earth Science and other related fields of study. As part of this consolidation effort, Caltech is now applying for an assignment of its interest in Lease No. PRC 7879.2 to UNAVCO, Inc.
3. As UNAVCO, Inc., is a nonprofit organization and not considered a public agency, the lease will become known as a General Lease – Information Gathering Use. No changes to the site, its equipment and operation will occur.
4. Pursuant to the Commission’s delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines [Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15060(c)(3)], the staff has determined that this activity is not subject to the provisions of the CEQA because it is not a “project” as defined by the CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21065 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, sections 15060 (c)(3) and 15378.

EXHIBIT:

- A. Location and Site Map

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

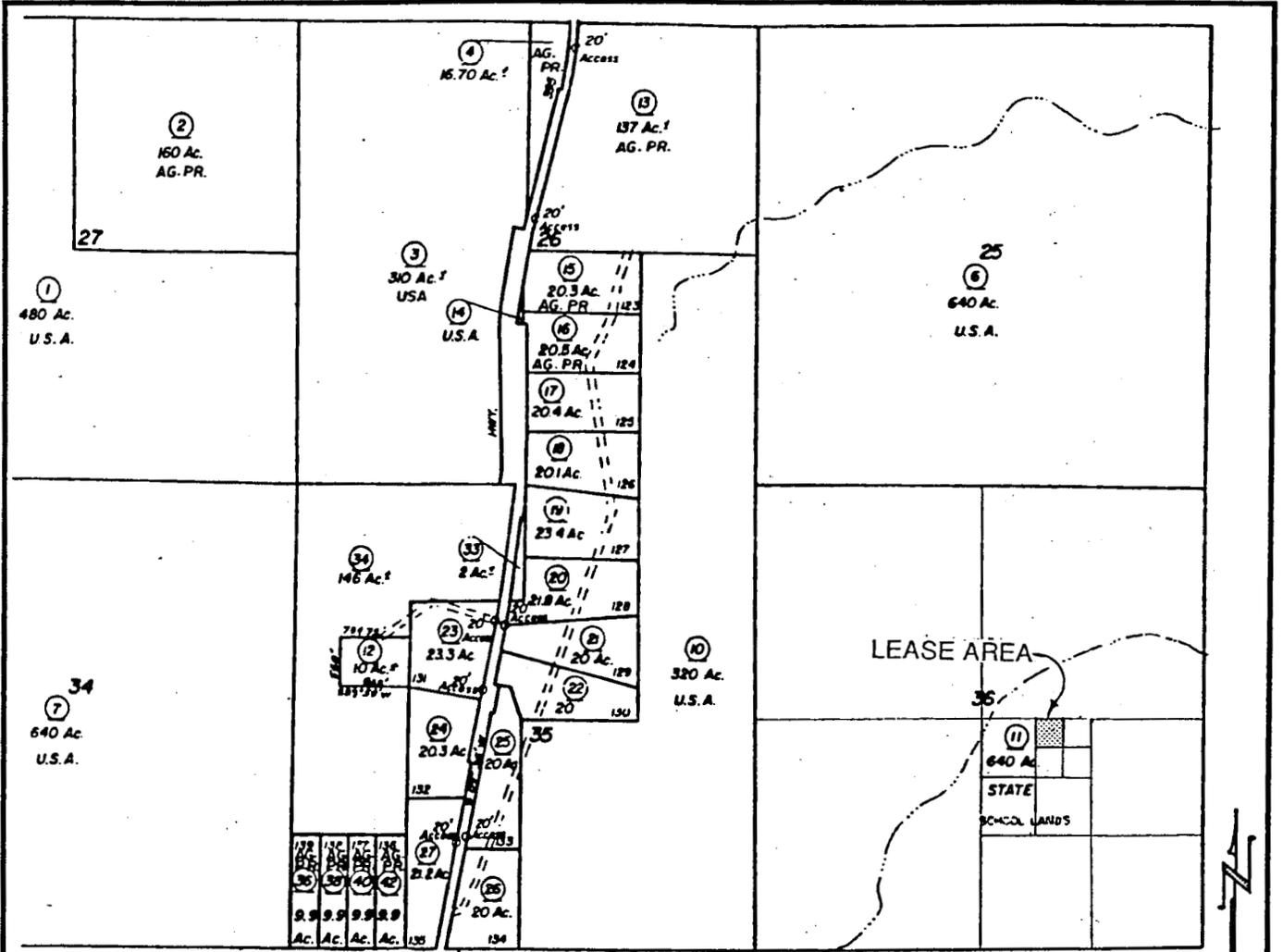
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15060(c)(3) BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15378.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE: 1) THE ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE NO. PRC 7879.2, A GENERAL LEASE – PUBLIC AGENCY USE, OF SCHOOL LANDS AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF, FROM CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TO UNAVCO, INC. AND 2) CHANGE OF GENERAL LEASE USE CATEGORY TO INFORMATION GATHERING USE, EFFECTIVE APRIL 21, 2006.



NW1/4 of NE1/4 of NW1/4 of SE1/4 of S36, T32N, R15E, MDM

NO SCALE

LOCATION MAP



NO SCALE

EXHIBIT A
PRC 7879.2
 Por. APN 81-130-11
 School Lands
 Lassen County



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.