

CALENDAR ITEM

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**ACTING AS TRUSTEE OF THE SCHOOL LAND BANK FUND,
CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT TO RECORDING
OF A QUITCLAIM DEED**

PARTIES:

California State Lands Commission, trustee of the School Land Bank Fund

Harry Gray Browne Trust, established by the Agreement dated November 27, 1989

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

160 acres, more or less, of vacant land located in Section 21, Township 27 North, Range 17 East, MDM, northeast of Herlong, Lassen County.

BACKGROUND:

School lands were granted to the State of California by the federal government under the Act of March 3, 1853 (10 Stat. 244), and consisted of the 16th and 36th sections of land in each township (with the exceptions of lands reserved for public use, lands taken by private land claims, and lands known to be mineral in character). In cases of preemption due to the exceptions described above, the State was given the opportunity to select replacement lands from the United States in lieu of a Section 16 or a Section 36. These replacement lands are now known as Indemnity School Lands or Lieu Lands. Under Public Resources Code (PRC) section 8700, et seq., all School Lands are held in the School Land Bank Fund (Fund) and area managed by the Commission to the benefit of the California State Teachers' Retirement System. PRC 8716 authorizes the trustee to accept gifts of real property or money for the Fund.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Katherine Marsden, trustee of the Harry Gray Browne Family Trust, wishes to donate 160 acres, more or less, of vacant land to the State of California. The property abuts lands previously acquired from the federal government as indemnity school lands for the School Land Bank Fund.

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2. Staff conducted a site visit on August 16, 2012, and has reviewed a Preliminary Title Report and a Phase I Environmental Report on the subject property. Pursuant to this research, staff has found no adverse conditions or claims that would appear to negatively affect the property.
3. Upon execution and delivery of the quitclaim deed to the Commission, the Executive Officer will execute a consent to recording of the quitclaim deed in Lassen County.
4. The staff recommends that the Commission find that this activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA as a statutorily exempt project. The project is exempt because it involves an action taken pursuant to the School Land Bank Act, Public Resources Code section 8700 et seq.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 8710.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description
- B. Site and Location Map

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Commission:

CEQA FINDING:

Find that this activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15061 as a statutorily exempt project pursuant to Public Resources Code section 8710, an action taken pursuant to the School Land Bank Act, Public Resources Code section 8700 et seq.

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize acceptance of a quitclaim deed to 160 acres, more or less, of vacant land located in Section 21, Township 27 North, Range 17 East, MDM, northeast of Herlong, Lassen County, and authorize the Executive Officer or his designee to execute a consent to recording of the quitclaim deed in the records of Lassen County, for the lands as described on Exhibit A and as shown on Exhibit B, both attached and by this reference made a part hereof.

EXHIBIT A

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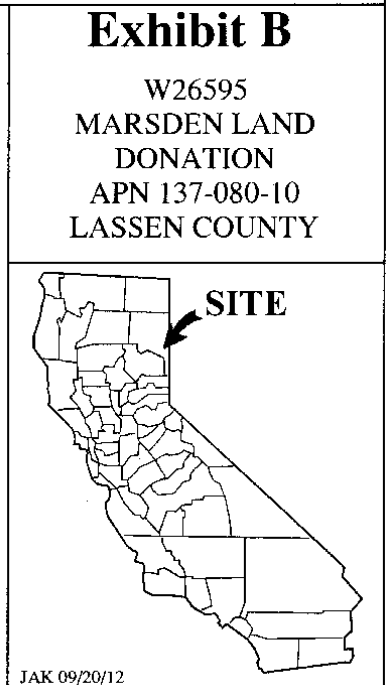
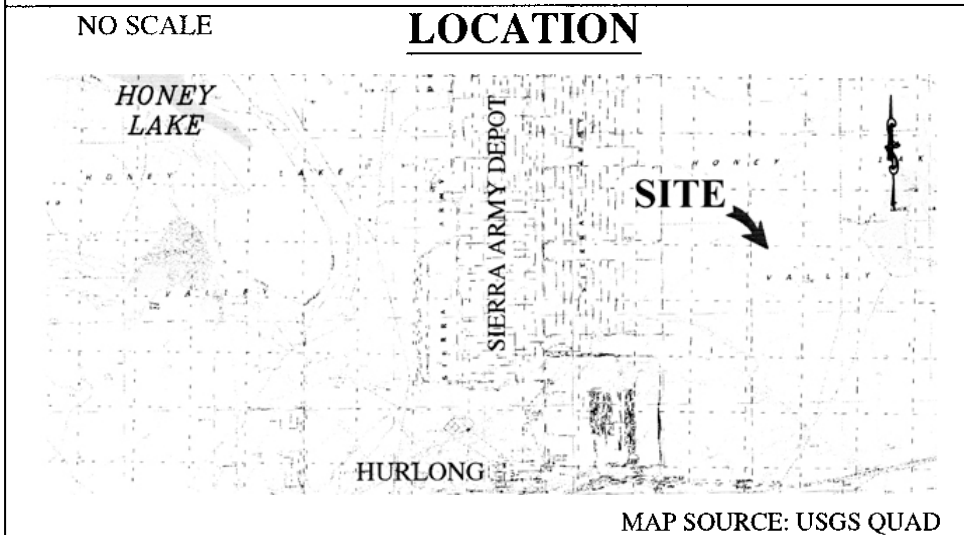
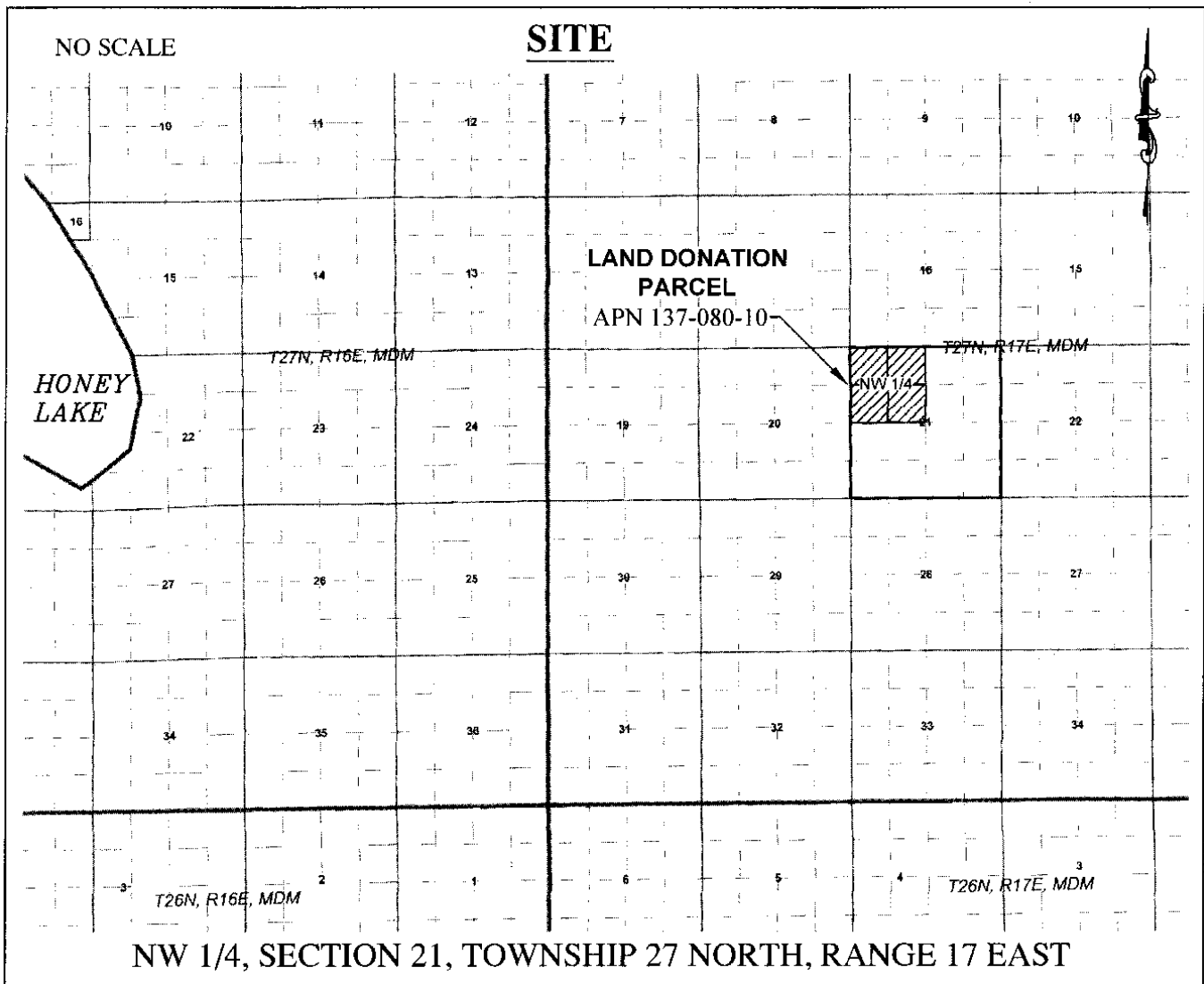
LAND DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land situate in Section 21, Township 27 North, Range 17 East, MDM, as shown on Official Government Township Plat approved March 22, 1867, County of Lassen, State of California, and more particularly described as follows:

The NW ¼ of said Section 21, being Parcel No. 1 as described in "Exhibit A" of that Grant Deed recorded September 7, 2006 as Document Number 2006-08011 in Official Records of said County.

END OF DESCRIPTION





This Exhibit is solely for purposes of generally defining the premises, is based on unverified information provided by the Lessee or other parties 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.