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MEMBERS PRESENT

Lizabeth Rasmussen, Acting Chairperson  
representing Kenneth Cory, State Controller  
Nancy Ordway, representing Huff,  
Director of Finance

MEMBERS ABSENT

Leo T. McCarthy, Lieutenant Governor

STAFF PRESENT

James Trout, Assistant Executive Officer  
Robert Hight, Chief Counsel  
Lance Kiley  
Rick Ludlow  
Jane Smith, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT

Jan Stevens, Deputy Attorney General

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3           ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Meeting will  
4 come to order, please.

5           Apologize for running a little late this  
6 morning. We had some meetings that ran over.

7           The first item of business is confirmation of  
8 the minutes.

9           COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Motion.

10          ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Minutes are  
11 confirmed.

12          The next item on the agenda is the report of  
13 the Executive Officer.

14          MR. TROUT: You have that in front of you,  
15 Madam Chairman. It's just a report on a couple of  
16 things that last Commission meeting approval of one item  
17 was conditioned on our checking with the Insurance Office  
18 of General Services. We've done that and the amount of  
19 the insurance was raised.

20          The other are requests for two letters of  
21 permission for an item that's on this calendar and for  
22 another one that will be on next month to meet dictated  
23 windows of opportunity for working that they're required  
24 to do some work in the Delta area within certain time lines.  
25 So we ask your permission for that.

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1           ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: All right.  
2           Are there any questions from Commissioners? No questions.  
3           You do need some action on that particular item, then?

4           MR. TROUT: No.

5           ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: The next items  
6           on the agenda are the Consent Agenda items. These are  
7           items C1 through C19. Have any of these items been  
8           removed from the calendar?

9           MR. TROUT: No items have been removed.

10          ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: These are items  
11          that have been deemed by the staff to be relatively non-  
12          controversial and if anyone would like any item removed,  
13          this is the time to speak and we will take it up on the  
14          full agenda as a separate item. Otherwise, we will  
15          approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

16          No questions?

17          COMMISSICNER ORDWAY: I move the Consent  
18          Calendar.

19          ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: It's been moved  
20          and approved.

21          Consent Items C1 through C19. The next item  
22          is Item 20 of the Regular Calendar.

23          MR. TROUT: This item is for a demonstration  
24          project on the Sacramento River for bank protection.  
25          It's a palisade type project and we recommend approval.

1           ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: All right. I  
2 have a request to speak here from Robert Manning on this  
3 item.

4           MR. MANNING: I'm here to answer any questions  
5 if you have any.

6           ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: All right.  
7 Thank you very much.

8           Are there any questions from Commissioners?

9           COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Move the staff  
10 recommendation.

11          ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: All right.  
12 The staff recommendation has been moved and is approved.  
13 Item 21.

14          MR. TROUT: Item 21 is to add two accommodation  
15 floats at the Isthmus Cove in Catalina Harbor at  
16 Santa Catalina Island to accommodate dinghies during  
17 the summer period.

18          ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: All right. Any  
19 questions?

20                 21 is approved.

21                 Item 22, please.

22          MR. TROUT: 22 in and of itself is a very  
23 complicated transaction. But what this does is allow a  
24 different financing organization to be part of the project  
25 and we recommend approval.

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1           ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Any questions on  
2 Item 22?

3           Item 22 is approved.

4           23.

5           MR. TROUT: 23 is approval by the Commission  
6 for an expenditure of more than \$250,000 for the County of  
7 Santa Barbara of tideland trust monies and we recommend  
8 approval.

9           ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Any questions on  
10 23? Item 23 is approved.

11          Item 24, please.

12          MR. TROUT: Item 24, Mr. Kiley can give a  
13 presentation on, but first I'd like to read into the  
14 record two letters that we have received. I have a small  
15 problem. I have to find them. One letter was from the  
16 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission  
17 supporting Mr. Thomas' proposed recreational site  
18 development and the other is from the United States  
19 Navy in opposition to the site. After Mr. Kiley's  
20 presentation, there may be some people here besides  
21 Mr. Thomas who would like to comment.

22          Gerry Hillier who is the Desert District  
23 Manager for BLM would like to talk. The Bureau of  
24 Land Management is opposed to the proposed transaction.  
25 So with that I think maybe the best thing would be for

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1 Mr. Kiley to explain what the project is and we can take  
2 it from there.

3 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: All right.  
4 Thank you.

5 Mr. Kiley.

6 MR. KILEY: This is a proposal to develop a  
7 recreational park on basically that portion of this  
8 purple parcel which is south of the highway here, around  
9 this ranger station. This is a State-owned parcel of  
10 school land. The Algodones Desert or wilderness study  
11 area is to the north, the Gecko Campground, which is  
12 operated by the Bureau of Land Management is to the south,  
13 Osborne County Park to the East, and this is a Navy  
14 target range over here on this site. I'll let the Navy  
15 speak to that issue.

16 The staff recommends denial of the permit based  
17 on the objections of the BLM and the Navy.

18 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: All right.  
19 Thank you. I do have four requests to speak. The first  
20 is Phillbert Randy Thomas. Use the microphone and  
21 identify yourself for the record, please.

22 MR. THOMAS: My name is Phillbert R. Thomas and  
23 this thing all started in September --

24 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: You can sit  
25 down if you like and be more comfortable.

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1 MR. THOMAS: -- when I called the Bureau of  
2 Land Management and said I'd like to put in an RV park  
3 in sand dunes, do you have a piece of property. They  
4 said no, we don't, and I talked to Steve Johnson there.  
5 He said no, we don't, but the State Lands Commission does,  
6 gave me the telephone number, and the name of the person  
7 to talk to.

8 I called them up, got an application, sent it  
9 in. The application was accepted. Meanwhile when  
10 Gerald Hillier from the Bureau of Land Management  
11 found out what the project was and I went over to the  
12 Bureau of Land Management in El Centro to get a copy of  
13 the water report from the well on the property I was  
14 informed by Barry Ashworth that, hey, don't you know we're  
15 trying to run a campground just south of here and we  
16 want to improve it and some day charge a fee to get in and  
17 we won't tolerate your competition moving into the area.

18 So I talked to Don Reese. Don Reese says, well,  
19 if they say that they're trying to get the land to stop  
20 the project, we will recommend to the Commission that  
21 it's not of our best interest to let the Government have  
22 it and we'll back your proposal 100 percent. Meanwhile,  
23 we got ahold of the Executive Officer and the Bureau of  
24 Land Management in Sacramento. They told us they don't  
25 care what we do to that property, they have no intentions

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1 for it, no use for it, do what you may.

2 Three days later Gerald Hillier sent some  
3 executives over to the Lands Commission, talked to  
4 Claire Dedrick and said we want to get that land, don't  
5 process the application, and that's about where we are  
6 right now.

7 The only reason they're trying to keep me out  
8 of there is because they intend to develop their  
9 campground and charge a fee for it and they don't want my  
10 competition. For the State to let a piece of property  
11 go to them for \$360 worth of desert land in a trade  
12 and turn down approximately a million point six,  
13 \$1,600,000 a year for the lease, is totally ridiculous.  
14 That's over 10 percent of what you collect on all your  
15 land now and to stop this project so that they don't  
16 have to have the competition is ridiculous. For the  
17 Navy to object to it is also ridiculous because it's  
18 in a C zone and it's in a zone for unrestricted use.

19 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Is that a  
20 county designation, C zone?

21 MR. THOMAS: That's a Navy designation.  
22 And after them telling me it's unrestricted, it's a  
23 safe zone, now they're saying that, well, we don't want  
24 you there. It's in a bad zone, but it also happens to  
25 sit on the same property that the ranger station sits

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1 on. If it's not safe for my project to be there, it's  
2 also not safe for the ranger station to be there or for  
3 Highway 78. If it's not safe for the project, it's  
4 also not safe for the highway and that should also be  
5 removed. Common sense tells you that if it's safe for a  
6 highway to go through there, it's safe for a project  
7 to go through there.

8 MR. KILEY: I might point out that there is  
9 a difference in density of use.

10 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: I'm aware of the difference,  
11 the fact that the highway is moving traffic as opposed  
12 to individuals remaining on a parcel for a period of  
13 time.

14 Have you talked with the Navy?

15 MR. THOMAS: No.

16 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Okay. Is the Navy  
17 scheduled to speak?

18 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Yes, I think  
19 there is someone here.

20 Yes. Captain Emil Gram.

21 All right. Any other questions of Mr. Thomas?

22 MR. THOMAS: If you look at the area, if you  
23 knew about the area, Gerald Hillier and the BLM can snow  
24 you all they want because they've never been there and  
25 don't know. But if you look on this map where the Gecko

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1 Park is, on a weekend there will be 10,000 people in that  
2 area, 10,000 vehicles. In the Osborne area just on the  
3 other side of Osborne Hill that's called competition  
4 hill. Every night the entire, everyone who's there,  
5 which is usually between 100 and 200,000 people, are in  
6 that valley just two miles to the west, to the east of  
7 the project, and to say that right there to have 100  
8 to 200,000 people in the area is safe, but two miles  
9 this way is not, is ridiculous.

10 Same way with the Gecko Campground south. If  
11 this project isn't needed, why in 1986 are the BLM  
12 building another campground just a half a mile south  
13 of the one they have now? If this project isn't needed,  
14 I'd say that that project isn't needed and what works  
15 for one has to work for all. But the BLM hasn't seen  
16 it that way. They think they can run a monopoly and  
17 a no-competition situation there and this is the  
18 United States free enterprise system. To let this go on  
19 is ridiculousness.

20 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: All right.

21 Thank you.

22 Are there any other questions?

23 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: What would be the  
24 capacity of your RV?

25 MR. THOMAS: 4400 and that's been cut down

1 from 5600.

2 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Okay.

3 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: But you estimated  
4 that it would attract a lot more people than that because  
5 you had some additional facilities?

6 MR. THOMAS: I don't think it will attract  
7 more people than that. It's not bringing more people  
8 into the area the way Gerald Hillier claims it is.  
9 There's already 100 to 200,000 people there every weekend  
10 during the season.

11 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: I thought you  
12 had told me that it was going to attract quite a few  
13 people.

14 MR. THOMAS: Just the people who are there.  
15 There's not going to be any advertising for the place.  
16 You'll see it and you'll go there because you are  
17 there.

18 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Do you have  
19 any questions?

20 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Not right now.

21 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: All right.  
22 Thank you, Mr. Thomas.

23 The next slip I have is for Gerald Hillier.  
24 Hopefully he can answer some of the questions that have  
25 been raised.

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1 MR. HILLIER: Good morning. My name is  
2 Gerald Hillier. I'm District Manager for the Bureau of  
3 Land Management, California Desert District, Bureau of  
4 Land Management.

5 It's unfortunate that Mr. Thomas thinks that  
6 I have launched into some kind of a personal vendetta  
7 against him. Quite to the contrary, I don't doubt for  
8 a moment his sincerity in proposing this project.

9 The Bureau of Land Management of course has  
10 been interested in the management of the sand dunes  
11 for off-highway vehicle recreation for a number of  
12 years. Our first plan was prepared in 1972 and it was  
13 shortly after that that we build the Gecko Road and  
14 established a ranger station and established the first  
15 primitive camps in the area.

16 Subsequently we have continued to plan and  
17 expand, but concurrently we have received, we got into a  
18 difference of opinion with some of the off-highway  
19 groups relative to the use north of Highway 78. Noted  
20 on the map on the plat is the Algodones Wilderness  
21 study area, and during the California Desert Plan  
22 effort in 1978 that was designated a study area and  
23 in 1977 we closed it so as to protect rare plants within  
24 the overall region. It was a multiple use trade-off  
25 decision in which we made a decision to totally close

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1 and protect the area north of Highway 78 to ensure that  
2 this area south of Highway 78 could remain an open  
3 area, which in fact it has.

4 That decision was appealed and was finally  
5 upheld by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

6 Subsequently the Bureau has fallen or I guess  
7 you'd describe fallen on some hard times relative  
8 to funding, but concurrently the State of California  
9 has come to the aid of users and BLM and has financed  
10 about a million and a half dollars of additions and  
11 maintenance and work in the campgrounds south of  
12 Highway 78, including resurfacing of the Gecko Road and  
13 the Gecko Campground and has approved construction of  
14 the small Roadrunner Camp which will house about 500  
15 units.

16 The objective of our management has been  
17 to primarily disperse users south of the area.

18 When I first heard of Mr. Thomas' proposal,  
19 it was in the context of 5600 units and on review of it  
20 I continued to question the various aspects of it.  
21 One of the things of course is that it would place and  
22 has modified some 4400 units at the junction of the  
23 Gecko Road and Highway 78 and there has been a latent  
24 demand to reopen the area north of Highway 78 by off-  
25 road groups, and of course that has been opposed by

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1 wilderness groups and others, and there are other uses  
2 of the public land which we have to manage the lands  
3 for.

4 Our fear is that it will put several thousand  
5 additional users into an area and increase an already  
6 congested area when the management of the area basically  
7 is aimed at dispersing the uses. This results in  
8 safety hazards and a great deal of congestion and,  
9 frankly, not a very good experience for many of the  
10 users.

11 We have just finished scoping a redo of our  
12 management plan. Some people did speak in favor of  
13 some additional campgrounds and some additional  
14 developments. The bulk of these were in the extreme  
15 southern end of the area along Interstate 8 where there  
16 are no facilities for users right now. At the same  
17 time many users expressed a desire that facilities  
18 be left primitive, that the area not become a  
19 Disneyland and a number of other comments.

20 I will leave with the Commission the  
21 Imperial Sand Dunes Planning Workbook that we used  
22 for public comment and on about the 5th or, no,  
23 beginning on page 14 of that are these public comments  
24 from these various meetings in Riverside, Yuma, El Centro  
25 and San Diego that we held and the summary of those

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1 public comments and I'll leave those with the Commission  
2 staff.

3           Besides the congestion and the potential effect  
4 on wilderness values north of the highway, of course the  
5 Navy issue is new and I'll let the Navy speak to that.  
6 They are here today.

7           Mr. Thomas alleges that we somehow fear  
8 competition from a private enterprise development and I  
9 have to categorically deny that. Quite to the contrary,  
10 we recognize that the users through the Off-Highway Vehicle  
11 Fund have supported development of a number of facilities  
12 in the area and the maintenance thereof and have in fact  
13 paid for those and it's been Bureau policy that we not charge  
14 a fee for the use of these camping facilities, that we  
15 already have camping, toilet and garbage facilities.  
16 They do not totally meet the needs on very large  
17 weekends such as Washington's Birthday, but they also sit  
18 empty a good part of the year also. We do not charge a  
19 fee. To the contrary, we feel or would suspect or would  
20 offer that probably with a fee facility north of the  
21 road that the government's, which I have to remind is a  
22 State, cooperative State-Federal project, would probably  
23 fail first and Mr. Thomas' might not fail at all and the  
24 Commission very easily could get into a posture of having  
25 to reflect on unfair competition from a non-fee area versus

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1 a fee area. You know, it's death on all of our parts in  
2 terms of how that would finally materialize. We aren't  
3 afraid of competition. In fact, we're not in a competitive  
4 business. There are some commercial enterprises in the  
5 area right now such as the Gecko Store that do offer some  
6 facilities. There's a county facility at Osborne Park  
7 a couple of miles to the east and we're not in this thing  
8 to worry about competition. What we want to do is provide  
9 for the users who use the area down there and provide for  
10 all of the users who are interested in the management of  
11 public lands.

12 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Does BLM have any plans  
13 to expand beyond this 500 units that you spoke about?

14 MR. HILLIER: At the present time no. Back in  
15 1977 when we got into the difficulty on the rare plants,  
16 this actually even predated the wilderness issue. At that  
17 time we intended to extend the Gecko Road completely south  
18 through the dunes, and eventually make a hookup with  
19 Interstate 8. Part of the settlement of that issue in-  
20 volved a decision not only to close the north end of the  
21 dunes, but not to extend the Gecko Road further south.  
22 When we did wilderness inventory the central core of the  
23 dunes was also designated a wilderness study area. Now,  
24 it was not finally recommended as suitable for inclusion  
25 in the National Wilderness System as part of the Desert Plan

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1 but I do know from talking to various interest groups that  
2 there is and will be when the BLM wilderness bill finally  
3 hits the floor of Congress, there will be a thrust by  
4 some of the interest groups to include that central core  
5 area in a wilderness proposal. We would oppose it, and  
6 what the Congress does with it, I don't know. But in the  
7 meantime, any extension of the Gecko Road I'm sure would  
8 be fought by the environmental groups and so at the  
9 present time we do not have any plans to extend that  
10 road, certainly not until the wilderness review is finished  
11 by the Congress sometime around 1990, 1991.

12 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Any other  
13 questions of Mr. Hillier at this time?

14 Thank you very much.

15 MR. HILLIER: Thank you.

16 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: The next person  
17 is Paula Carrell, and we need your name and organization,  
18 please.

19 MS. CARRELL: My name is Paula Carrell, and I'm  
20 here to represent the Sierra Club this morning.

21 I don't need to repeat the points that  
22 Mr. Hillier made. I guess that the Sierra Club's  
23 primary concern from the desert activists in the area  
24 is that basically they feel I think that use in that  
25 area is at capacity at present and this would be

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1 exemplified by any existing impacts on the dunes that are  
2 south of the highway. The dunes have been denuded,  
3 compaction is obvious. It is a heavily used, and in some  
4 people's minds, excessively used area. The fear is that  
5 by putting this sizeable campground at the road junction  
6 and immediately across the road from what is a BLM  
7 recommended wilderness area, the north dunes, that it would  
8 draw heavily increased use and there would be increased  
9 trespass and other problems on the recommended wilderness  
10 area north of the road.

11 The feeling is, the underlying feeling is that  
12 the area is at capacity. If there is a need for  
13 increased camping facilities, it should probably be as  
14 Mr. Hillier suggested in the south off Highway 8 where  
15 there is use now and there is no camping provided, but  
16 not in this particular site.

17 The Club has supported a proposal for a land  
18 exchange between the State and the BLM which would include  
19 this property and thereby guarantee its protection and  
20 possibly you could describe it as a buffer to the north  
21 dunes area possibly. Those kinds of things I'm sure  
22 will await the final action on the proposed BLM wilderness  
23 as he mentioned in Congress in the ensuing years. And  
24 possibly decisions on where increased camping should be  
25 provided should also await Congress' action on the BLM

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1 wilderness decisions because then at that point we would  
2 all have a better judgment on where we stand in reference  
3 for appropriate use and appropriate campground siting in  
4 the Imperial dunes area.

5 I can answer questions, although I'm not an  
6 expert. I'm basically, because I work for the Sierra  
7 Club in Sacramento, our desert activists called me and  
8 said because you're in town, we hope you can be there.  
9 I am not really an expert on the area. They've  
10 mentioned for instance that they're concerned about the  
11 rare and endangered plants in the north dunes area.  
12 They neglected to give me the specific names. I understand  
13 that I can get those from the Native Plants Society  
14 and if the Commission would like that information, I can  
15 get it for you, but I don't have it with me today.

16 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: All right.  
17 Thank you. Any questions?

18 Thank you very much.

19 MS. CARRELL: Thank you.

20 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: The last person  
21 I have a slip for is Captain Emil Gram from the Naval  
22 Air Facility.

23 CAPTAIN GRAM: Good morning. I am Captain  
24 Emil Gram, the Commanding Officer of the Naval Air  
25 Facility located just east of El Centro.

1 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: While you're checking  
2 your map, one question of staff. What's the population  
3 of the ranger station?

4 MR. KILEY: The population of the ranger  
5 station itself?

6 Gerry.

7 MR. HILLIER: The question is what is the  
8 population of the ranger station?

9 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Right.

10 MR. HILLIER: There is no permanent population  
11 assigned. The rangers have residence and office space  
12 in our El Centro office. They utilize the area on a  
13 weekend basis and there can be as many as half a dozen  
14 employees plus volunteers in the ranger station when  
15 it's being used.

16 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Twenty-four hour coverage on  
17 the weekend or sunrise-sunset?

18 MR. HILLIER: It's about 12 to 16 hours  
19 coverage, but they also use it for a dormitory. So there  
20 is occupancy 24 hours per day.

21 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: On the weekends?

22 MR. HILLIER: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Not during the week?

24 MR. HILLIER: On most weekends. There are  
25 weekends obviously during the summer season during the

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1 three months which use is very minimal that there would  
2 be nobody in there at all.

3 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Thank you.

4 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Captain Gram.

5 CAPTAIN GRAM: My interest in this whole issue  
6 is as the manager of the targets that the Navy has been  
7 using for some 40 to 50 years in the Imperial Valley,  
8 two of which are located on this chart, it's sort of  
9 accurate, the Target 68 there.

10 There's another one just north of Highway 78  
11 called Target 95. There's kind of a long shaggy dog  
12 story to this, and I don't want to belabor it.

13 About 10 years ago the Navy became increasingly  
14 interested in encroachment problems certainly around our  
15 airports, populated areas, the obvious ones, but also in  
16 areas where we have targets. There aren't many left in the  
17 United States. There's some up around Fallon, Nevada,  
18 that has made a lot of press interest in recent months.

19 In Imperial Valley we have this and some other  
20 targets. I'm prepared to go into whatever detail you  
21 might want.

22 Last year, the Navy felt so concerned about this  
23 issue that we embarked upon a plan to withdraw some  
24 325,000 acres of public land. The boundary of that  
25 included what is now under proposal, the surrounding

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1 area of Parcel 36, where the proposed --

2 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Could you go to the map  
3 and show us that?

4 CAPTAIN GRAM: Well, it goes on off to the side.  
5 Again, the proposed withdrawal went out to this extreme.

6 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: So it would include the  
7 County park?

8 CAPTAIN GRAM: Yes. The intent was not to  
9 curtail park usage, but it was to try to control growth.  
10 Our concern is population density, pure and simple.  
11 Like everything else, there has to be compromises. We're  
12 concerned about public safety.

13 Depending on who you talk to, you could make  
14 various arguments about what's safe and what's not safe.  
15 We spent a lot of money and studied these problems rather  
16 exhaustively. The net result of this withdrawal plan was  
17 basically a three tiered organization of the land areas.  
18 Now, the proposer here talked about the Zone C area.  
19 Well, that's one of three zones that were identified in  
20 the plan. There's A, B, and C. A being the area  
21 immediately around the targets, the most hazardous;  
22 B being somewhere in between; C being the least.

23 There was never any intent nor is it explicitly  
24 spelled out that the C area is not hazardous. We have not  
25 said that and we do not claim that. We are concerned in

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1 C zones that we have a very close control both on new  
2 construction, because of the height limits -- aircraft  
3 flying around these areas do not need to encounter new  
4 hazards -- and also about population density.

5 The big difference in what the BLM has planned  
6 and has in existence and what this proposal is is density  
7 and we are very much opposed to that because we feel it  
8 would only add an increased hazard to the population.  
9 We walk a very delicate tightrope in protecting the public  
10 safety. But we take it very seriously and we try to watch  
11 it very closely so that we aren't unnecessarily endangering  
12 the public.

13 We feel that a developed campground would clearly  
14 be incompatible with what the Navy's needs are and I  
15 would go so far as to say I think it's probably unnecessary.

16 The Gecko Campground and the surrounding areas  
17 are unimproved and they're very transitory. To go in and  
18 construct a permanent campground with the kinds of  
19 improvements as proposed we feel would only encourage  
20 more people to move into the area and is tantamount to  
21 creating a city in there. That kind of encroachment would  
22 create a huge amount of expense to the American taxpayer  
23 and cause the Navy to lose this target. We feel we  
24 cannot accept that and we ask that your indulgence please  
25 to understand this problem and say the proposal.

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1           ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Thank you.  
2           Any questions, comments?

3           CAPTAIN GRAM: I have more detailed charts here  
4           that show the targets and be glad to leave these with you  
5           if you, and you can glance at them at your leisure.

6           ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Thank you.  
7           Are there any other comments or questions that  
8           staff would like to make, any comments at this time?

9           MR. KILEY: Let me point out what the alternative  
10          will be for the staff. The Bureau of Land Management  
11          originally applied for an exchange involving this parcel  
12          in 1983 which predates this current application. Because  
13          of staffing limitations and the inability to prosecute  
14          the exchange, it hasn't been prosecuted to date, but they  
15          did have and in front of us in letter form an application  
16          to go ahead and exchange this out with us. It's kind of  
17          unfortunate that maybe the thing hadn't gotten exchanged  
18          before this proposal ever came to us.

19          But that's the way things are. We will  
20          probably go forward with the exchange in the event --

21          COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: In view of the recent  
22          request of the Navy, what impact would that have on  
23          BLM's request for an exchange?

24          MR. KILEY: The BLM would go forward with the  
25          exchange. It fits in well with their plans.

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1           ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Any further  
2 questions?

3           COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Not right now.

4           ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: I think we find  
5 ourselves in a dilemma here of trying to maintain a  
6 delicate balance between allowing people into enjoy  
7 an area and yet protecting the area and the very reasons  
8 that the people come in to use that area.

9           Are you ready to make a motion?

10          MR. THOMAS: May I have a chance to --

11          ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Mr. Thomas,  
12 would you like to say something else?

13          MR. THOMAS: Yes. I'd like to show you this  
14 map, BLM map of the area, that we can ride in and it's  
15 unrestricted area and this is all you have right here.  
16 That is the ranger station where the project is supposed  
17 to be. That's Gecko Park and that's, this is what we  
18 get to ride in. Competition hill is located right where  
19 this little road right here is.

20                 On the weekends is about the only time anyone  
21 is here at all. The rangers, they said that the rangers  
22 are here most weekends. Most weekends they are not there.  
23 There may be four weekends out of the entire 10-month  
24 season. This Roadrunner Park that holds 500 people has  
25 approximately two to three thousand there on any given

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1 weekend. This holds approximately 5,000, has approximate-  
2 ly 20,000 at any given weekend. Between the amount of  
3 area that we have, this is unrestricted. The area that  
4 this is in is unrestricted.

5 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: I'm not sure  
6 that anyone would dispute that. I think that's part  
7 of what they're saying.

8 MR. THOMAS: But in an unrestricted area,  
9 how can they say that they want to restrict it and  
10 I'll draw your attention to the letter that was sent  
11 by the Off-Highway Commission where they were standing in  
12 this --

13 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Are you able  
14 to get this? I think we need you at the microphone,  
15 please.

16 MR. THOMAS: While the Off-Road Commission  
17 is standing in the A Zone, not the C Zone, while bombs  
18 were being dropped around them, it says right there in  
19 their letter right here, one of the Navy's bomb sites in  
20 the area, the proposed construction would fit into one  
21 of the ABC zones. Most prudent people agree that the  
22 Navy could delete the C category from their bomb site  
23 as there is virtually no danger within the area.  
24 I and other members of the Commission were privileged  
25 to watch the Navy's bomb runs at one of our March

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1 meetings in El Centro. We were in an A Zone and were  
2 not in danger. There's no conflict between the Park and  
3 the Navy, and everything that the Navy just said here  
4 telling you was complete ridiculousness.

5 As far as keeping us out of the area because  
6 the area across the street is closed, the area across  
7 the street is closed. The area that we're in is not  
8 closed. The only reason for this is the Navy wants to  
9 run a monopoly. That's the only reason, not the Navy,  
10 but the Bureau of Land Management. If you look at all  
11 the evidence that they've told you and if you knew, if  
12 you'd been down there and seen what goes on, you'd know  
13 that this was total ridiculousness. To give the land  
14 to the government and take the California land out of  
15 California and put it into the government so that they  
16 can run a monopoly is ridiculousness, total  
17 ridiculousness. And for them to get up here and say  
18 that is ridiculousness.

19 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Thank you,  
20 Mr. Thomas.

21 Are you ready to make a motion?

22 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: For me the most  
23 convincing arguments are those of the Navy. I'll have  
24 to admit that having been around military establishments  
25 for parts of my life and because of the recent actions

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1 of the Navy in broadening their interests, I would move  
2 to deny without prejudice the application.

3 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: I'll second  
4 that. The item is approved per the staff's recommendation  
5 and I hope that Mr. Thomas understands that he is free  
6 to apply in some other area and I think that that is  
7 a very reasonable alternative. That this is a project  
8 that may be quite compatible in a different area.

9 MR. THOMAS: In an area where there is no  
10 population --

11 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Thank you  
12 very much.

13 Let's move on to Item 25, please.

14 MR. TROUT: Item 25 is a 60-day --

15 MR. THOMAS: I'll spend my \$20 million in  
16 Russia where I know there's no point in being energetic  
17 and --

18 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Continue,  
19 please.

20 MR. TROUT: A 60-day extension of a letter  
21 of authorization for Chevron to do some test boring in  
22 Santa Barbara and we recommend approval.

23 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Motion.

24 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: It's been moved.  
25 Item 25 is approved. Item 26, please.

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1 MR. TROUT: 26 is a dredging permit for  
2 Leslie Salt Company, 20,000 cubic yards in China, Napa,  
3 and Dutchman Sloughs in the Napa River. We recommend  
4 approval.

5 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Any questions  
6 on 26?

7 26 is approved. Item 27.

8 MR. TROUT: Item 27 is a two-year extension  
9 of a geothermal prospecting permit for Kennecott  
10 Corporation. We can get into the details if you want,  
11 but they're having difficulty in finding a buyer for  
12 potential electricity. They are meeting all of the  
13 requirements of the agreement with the Department of  
14 Fish and Game. So we recommend approval of the extension.

15 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Questions on  
16 27?

17 27 is approved.

18 28.

19 MR. TROUT: Item 28 would authorize the  
20 notification of GRI Corporation of a default under  
21 seven different geothermal leases for reasons that have  
22 something to do with the imp of the perverse or  
23 something. We have seven leases, but in two spots we  
24 only have six. But the leases are 5819, 6114, 5862,  
25 5999, 6080, 6081, and one other. But the key point that

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1 I'd like to add lease No. 5999 to the recommendation  
2 so that the recommendation is complete and has all  
3 seven leases in it.

4 We should like to point out that we have had  
5 the best relationships with GRI Corporation. The fact  
6 that they have not been able to meet their drilling  
7 obligations results from circumstances both beyond  
8 their control and our control. What we are proposing  
9 that we do is take another look at the leasing of these  
10 areas. It has to do with whether they can actually be  
11 developed under the net profit amounts that are  
12 currently in the leases. I think that we would like to  
13 continue the relationships we've had with GRI. They  
14 have been very cooperative. But we feel it's time to  
15 bring this issue to a head.

16 Mr. Peter Hansen of GRI would like to make a  
17 brief presentation. While he's coming up, I'd like to  
18 tell you that this is a notice of default. The  
19 corporation would have 30 days to cure that default  
20 and the item would be back on the August calendar  
21 either for actual termination of the leases or acknowl-  
22 edgement that the defaults have been cured or for some  
23 other kind of action that might be appropriate.

24 The corporation was not able to put on a full  
25 presentation today because a number of their staff are

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1 in New York and they are looking forward to giving a more  
2 detailed presentation to the Commission at the August  
3 meeting, but Mr. Hansen said he would like the opportunity  
4 to make a brief statement here.

5 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: All right.  
6 Thank you very much.

7 We need your name and organization.

8 MR. HANSEN: I am Pete Hansen, President of  
9 GRI Exploration Corporation.

10 As I've stated, I am President of GRI  
11 Exploration Corporation, the lessee of record for the  
12 seven State leases that we're talking about today at this  
13 meeting.

14 For several months, representatives of  
15 Geothermal Resources International, and its subsidiaries,  
16 including GRI Exploration, have been attempting to resolve  
17 certain issues with State Lands Commission staff members,  
18 which, if resolved, would allow for development of the  
19 seven State leases.

20 I am here to ask that the members of this  
21 Commission become directly involved in evaluating our  
22 position by giving us an opportunity to make our case  
23 directly to you. We did not receive formal notice that  
24 the staff had unilaterally terminated our negotiations  
25 until we received notice of this calendar item on July 17th.

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1 We therefore had insufficient time to prepare a proper  
2 presentation for you at this meeting.

3 We can make a clear, to the point presentation  
4 to the Commissioners at its next regularly scheduled  
5 meeting since a presentation, with the answers our  
6 experts can provide to any questions you may have, should  
7 give you the ability to make a more informed decision on  
8 how to proceed with development of these State leases at  
9 The Geysers area.

10 To that end, we request an extension of all  
11 leases' drilling commitment dates for one month until  
12 September 1st, and we further request that we be allowed  
13 to make a presentation at the Commission's regularly  
14 scheduled August meeting.

15 Thank you.

16 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: All right.

17 In essence, I think that the staff is recommending that  
18 you be given 30 days. So I think we agree.

19 MR. TROUT: The difference is he is asking that  
20 the permits be extended for 30 days. We are asking you  
21 to approve sending out notices of default next week which  
22 would put a 30-day time clock into operation. That would  
23 not expire until after your next meeting and you would  
24 clearly at that time have a chance to either extend them  
25 further or to take such other action as you might deem

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1 appropriate.

2 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: If we stuck a 30-day  
3 clock with letters tomorrow, we would be able to at our  
4 August meeting extend the lease?

5 MR. TROUT: That's my understanding. Now, the  
6 30-day clock would not start running until August 1st.  
7 The leases don't expire, I think some expire on the  
8 1st and some on the 31st. So the letters would go out  
9 on August 2nd and that would make it several days,  
10 three or four days beyond the next scheduled Commission  
11 meeting.

12 MR. HANSEN: If we did not have the Commission  
13 vote on the extension of the drill by dates at this point  
14 in time, I think it would put us in the position of  
15 being in technical default as of the 1st of the month  
16 coming up on the drill by dates.

17 So I believe we need a decision to give us an  
18 automatic 30-day extension of the drill by dates at this  
19 meeting for us to not be in technical default and present  
20 our case. The Commission can always, at the next  
21 scheduled meeting, put us in this position again if they  
22 desire to do so.

23 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Could the attorneys  
24 respond to that? I'm not sure --

25 MR. HIGHT: I don't think I understand your

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1 statement, sir. Could you go through that one more time?

2 MR. HANSEN: I'm saying that are you going to  
3 vote at this point in time of giving us a 30-day  
4 extension of the commencement of the drill by dates?

5 MR. HIGHT: No.

6 The proposed action would authorize a notice  
7 as of the 1st and there would be no extension.

8 MR. HANSEN: But that automatically puts us in  
9 a position of being in default.

10 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: On September  
11 2nd.

12 MR. HANSEN: On the 1st of August. Is that  
13 correct?

14 MR. HIGHT: Right.

15 MR. HANSEN: That's not the position we'd like to  
16 be in, naturally. Is there any reason why we can't  
17 get an extension, a 30-day extension of the drill by dates  
18 at this meeting and not put us in that position of being  
19 in default?

20 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Until the 1st of  
21 September.

22 MR. HANSEN: Until the 1st of September. To  
23 give us the opportunity to come before the Commission,  
24 present our case and not be in that position of being  
25 in default.

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1 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: In technical default.

2 MR. HANSEN: Right.

3 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: You would have  
4 the opportunity to make a presentation in August.

5 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Does that present a problem?

6 MR. HIGHT: Go ahead.

7 MR. TROUT: This is Rick Ludlow who is one of  
8 our staff counsel who heads up the extractive development  
9 side of the legal operation.

10 MR. LUDLOW: Basically the effect of this  
11 notice is just what it is. It's basically a notice of  
12 default. It does not terminate the leases. The  
13 Commission at its next meeting can either continue the  
14 process, could terminate the leases, or do something  
15 else. It does not in effect --

16 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: When do the leases  
17 terminate now?

18 MR. LUDLOW: Right now --

19 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Right now.

20 MR. LUDLOW: Right now if they don't get an  
21 extension, the leases will still be in effect. They do  
22 not terminate of their own force and effect.

23 MR. HANSEN: Except we will be in default as  
24 of the end of this month for not making the drill  
25 commitment.

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1 MR. HIGHT: That's the intent of the letter.

2 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Just a minute.

3 MR. LUDLOW: So the leases don't terminate at  
4 all.

5 They're not self-terminating leases.

6 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: When do they automatically  
7 go into default?

8 MR. LUDLOW: They will go into default at the  
9 end of this month when they do not make the drill by  
10 requirements, drilling requirements. That's why the  
11 notice of default will go out, because they will then  
12 be in default at that time.

13 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: And what we're being  
14 asked by Mr. Hansen is to extend that date one month.

15 MR. LUDLOW: So that they will not be in  
16 default. What the other alternative would be to give  
17 them a notice of default so that the Commission can  
18 at that time, at the next meeting, terminate the leases  
19 or extend them or do whatever you like then rather than  
20 going through a notice of default procedure then.

21 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: So we have all  
22 the options available to us really for the next meeting  
23 and we can extend the lease, we can terminate it, we  
24 can extend the period of time that we're giving them  
25 to come into compliance, and they would have the

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1 opportunity at the August meeting to make a full  
2 presentation --

3 MR. LUDLOW: Yes.

4 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: -- and whatever.

5 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Mr. Hansen seems to be  
6 concerned, though, about going technically into default.

7 MR. HANSEN: Yes, I am concerned about that.  
8 I don't think anybody wants to be put in that position.  
9 I don't think it's necessary at this point in time to  
10 put us in that position of working on a presentation  
11 knowing we are in technical default. All right.

12 I would like to see us get an extension. There's  
13 no reason why they cannot come up with this same  
14 recommendation to authorize them to give us a default  
15 notice in 30 days.

16 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Could I ask Moose to  
17 respond to this point?

18 MR. TROUT: Yes, I'd like to have Mr. Thompson  
19 express his feelings with regard to a 30-day extension  
20 of the drilling requirements.

21 MR. THOMPSON: As far as the staff's concerned,  
22 we'd like to put a time certain on this. GRI's  
23 expressed to us a definite requirement that the  
24 Commission must revise the lease commitments as they  
25 originally accepted them or they would not meet these

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1 drilling requirements. So I would like to put a time  
2 certain in that the drilling obligation period is closed.

3 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Given what was just said,  
4 what does 30 days buy you?

5 MR. HANSEN: What does 30 days buy us?

6 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Yes.

7 MR. HANSEN: It buys us the time to work up a  
8 presentation and not having this default hanging over  
9 our heads during that period of time. All right? You  
10 can always --

11 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: But you're not going to  
12 be able to comply in the next 30 days; is that correct?

13 MR. HANSEN: That's correct.

14 MR. THOMPSON: It's not their intent to comply  
15 with the drilling obligation.

16 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Are you concerned that  
17 we won't take you as seriously if we put out default  
18 notices on the 2nd of August versus the 2nd of September?

19 MR. HANSEN: I'm saying there's a possibility  
20 in my mind, maybe far reaching, very slim possibility,  
21 that even though we've exhausted all of our approaches  
22 to resolve these issues with the staff, that maybe after  
23 a presentation to the Commissioners, some other solution  
24 that no one's thought about could be brought up at that  
25 meeting.

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1           COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: But putting out notices  
2 on the 2nd of August doesn't preclude us from doing that.

3           MR. HANSEN: No, but you're still putting me in  
4 that position of being in default and I don't want that.

5           MR. THOMPSON: As far as the staff's concerned,  
6 we'd like to have a time certain. We'd like to have you  
7 pull the pin on that grenade and hand it to GRI.

8           MR. HANSEN: That's fine. Let's do it 30  
9 days from now. Let's get an extension and be able to  
10 pull that pin 30 days from now.

11           ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: The staff has  
12 expressed that they have met with a great deal of  
13 cooperation by GRI and that they've been very appreciative  
14 of your efforts and I don't see any reason why between  
15 now and the next Commission meeting that you might not  
16 be able to make some progress.

17           COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Does that mean you're  
18 leaning toward a 30-day extension?

19           ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: I'm leaning  
20 toward the staff recommendation.

21           COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Given that it doesn't  
22 really change what we have the capabilities of doing  
23 in August, I am also. You will not be taken any less  
24 seriously.

25           MR. HANSEN: Correct.

1           COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Nor will people work less  
2 hard to see if there is a solution.

3           (Thereupon a discussion was held off  
4 the record.)

5           COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: I'm also leaning with  
6 staff because if there had been any way that it would  
7 change how we handle ourselves at the August meeting,  
8 then to me a 30-day extension would be appropriate.  
9 But given that it does not change what we can do and what  
10 our options would be at the August meeting, I am also  
11 leaning towards the staff recommendation. You haven't  
12 convinced me that something bad happens because of the  
13 staff recommendation.

14           MR. HANSEN: Well, nothing bad happens except  
15 if you put us in the position of technical default,  
16 let's put it that way, as of August 31st or July 31st,  
17 we want to present something to the Commission. You say  
18 we can do that in a month. But we're still -- maybe  
19 I am more concerned about this quote technical default  
20 than I should be, but I think it's important enough to  
21 know that we may have to, if I go back and tell our  
22 people that this is what's happened and they say, well,  
23 we haven't got a 30-day extension of the drill by date,  
24 and so we are in default and the only way, or we will be  
25 in default, we might just quit claim the leases prior

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1 to that time and not get into the position of being  
2 in default. There is no reason to talk anymore.

3 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: I guess my feeling is if  
4 you and your company want to make the presentation before  
5 this Commission in August, I know I speak for both of the  
6 Commissioners here, not only will that not be a problem,  
7 but I think we will look forward to it.

8 I don't see where the recommended action before  
9 us really changes that a whole lot.

10 MR. HANSEN: It doesn't change your attitude  
11 and my attitude towards resolving the issues and trying  
12 to work on something, but we have something here that's  
13 black and white that says Geothermal Resources Internation-  
14 al is going to be in default on July 31st and I don't  
15 want that to happen.

16 MR. HIGHT: The Commission has the ability at  
17 the August meeting to cure that default or do any other  
18 option and this action merely starts the time frame  
19 running in which to clear up the problem one way or the  
20 other.

21 MR. THOMPSON: The staff fully realizes that  
22 we cannot terminate the lease. That's a Commission  
23 action.

24 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: This may in  
25 fact facilitate resolving the problems.

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1 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: Otherwise it sounds like  
2 it sits in limbo until it's over.

3 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASUMSSEN: It may drag on.

4 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: I will move the staff  
5 recommendation.

6 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: And I will second  
7 that.

8 Item 28 is approved as presented.

9 MR. HANSEN: Thank you.

10 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Thank you very  
11 much.

12 Item 29, please.

13 MR. TROUT: Is the issuance of a core drilling  
14 and trenching permit for section of school lands  
15 for gathering geologic and engineering information.  
16 This had to do with the other application by the same  
17 applicant for proposed toxic waste site. The Commission  
18 a month or two ago put a moratorium on any permits for  
19 actual toxic waste dump site leasing, but recommended  
20 that we go ahead and allow Mr. Cullinan to go ahead with  
21 these core drilling and trenching permits and this is  
22 the permit. I think a representative of Mr. Cullinan is  
23 here if you have questions.

24 Staff recommends approval of the permit.

25 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: It's my understanding this

1 is data collection only.

2 MR. TROUT: That's right.

3 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: I'll move --

4 MR. LAURIE: Robert Laurie. I'm prepared to  
5 respond to questions.

6 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Thank you very  
7 much.

8 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: I'll move Item 29.

9 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: All right.  
10 Item 29 has been moved and approved.

11 Item 30, please.

12 MR. TROUT: Item 30 is consideration of the  
13 description and consent to incorporation of the proposed  
14 City of San Dieguito. This was on the Commission once  
15 before. We most respectfully request or recommend that  
16 you deny it again. There are considerable problems with  
17 the annexation and problems with the incorporation of the  
18 adjoining city of Carlsbad. We in the last day or two  
19 got an amended legal description which may solve the  
20 problem, but we're not sure enough to recommend it to  
21 you today. We just request that you deny the, disapprove  
22 the description and deny consent to the incorporation  
23 at this time without prejudice. Allow our staff to  
24 go ahead and work with them and try and get this thing  
25 straightened out.

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1 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: As long as it's understood  
2 it's without prejudice, I'll move the recommendation.

3 MR. TROUT: That's the staff's position, yes.

4 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: 30 has been moved  
5 and is approved.

6 Item 31, please.

7 MR. HIGHT: Item 31 is the application by the City  
8 of Los Angeles for Commission approval of the description  
9 and of any interest in the area for annexation of the  
10 area Playa Vista to the City of Los Angeles.

11 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: I have one  
12 question and that is on the recommendation number four;  
13 is that an error, San Diego County?

14 MR. HIGHT: That's an error. We would like  
15 to change San Diego to Los Angeles.

16 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Now you know  
17 that I really read these things, huh? Are there any  
18 other questions on Item 31?

19 No questions.

20 MR. HIGHT: This is the approval of any  
21 interest the Commission has in the area and we'll go  
22 through it's normal LAFCO processes.

23 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Fine. No other  
24 questions or concerns? Item 31 is approved as presented  
25 with the change noted.

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1 Item 32.

2 MR. HIGHT: Is the authorization to remove a  
3 vessel from the Sacramento River near Rio Vista. We have  
4 reason to believe that the vessel may have been moved  
5 or is in the process of being moved, but we would like the  
6 authorization.

7 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: It's not the one we  
8 burned yesterday?

9 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: No, we're going  
10 to remove this one and not burn it, torch it.

11 MR. HIGHT: We're not going to torch it.  
12 We're on a roll, but we won't torch this one.

13 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Any questions on  
14 Item 32?

15 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: No.

16 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Item 32 is  
17 approved.

18 Item 33.

19 MR. HIGHT: Is the authorization to eject or  
20 bring under lease a marina at the San Joaquin River near  
21 Manteca.

22 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Questions on 33?  
23 None.

24 Item 33 is approved as presented.

25 Item 34.

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1 MR. TROUT: Item 34 is your approval for us  
2 to go ahead and execute agreements to do studies  
3 authorized by the Legislature between Point Arguello and  
4 Point Sal. Primarily it's geophysical and geological  
5 work to allow us to work with the federal government  
6 on sharing EG revenues and to do some biological  
7 characterization and cultural resource characterization  
8 to see if there's any impacts of the federal off-shore  
9 operations on the State tidelands.

10 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Are there any  
11 questions on Item 34? 34 is approved as presented and  
12 Item 35 is our last item.

13 MR. HIGHT: This is an authorization to  
14 enter into a contract with the firm of Juhl-Wohlleb  
15 Associates to do planning for the area of Playa Vista.

16 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: Are there any  
17 questions on Item 35?

18 COMMISSIONER ORDWAY: No.

19 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: No questions.  
20 Item 35 is approved as presented.

21 Are there any other items of business to come  
22 before the Commission?

23 MR. TROUT: The staff has no other items.

24 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RASMUSSEN: All right.  
25 Thank you very much. The meeting is adjourned if I can

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3 Lands Commission was adjourned at  
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