

12. (Transfer of land adjacent to concrete ship, Seacliff Beach State Park, to State Park Commission, W. O. 237.)

The Commission was advised that on February 6, 1946, authorization was given for the transfer to the State Park Commission of the beached concrete ship on tide and submerged land in front of the Seacliff State Park in Santa Cruz County. The State Park Commission now desires to have full jurisdiction not only over the concrete ship but also over the adjacent tide and submerged lands amounting to approximately two acres.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the transfer of two acres of tide and submerged land adjacent to the concrete ship beached in front of the Seacliff Beach State Park, Santa Cruz County, to the State Park Commission subject to approval of the Director of Finance pursuant to Section 13110 et. seq., of the Government Code.

13. (Litigation - Carlson vs. State, Sacramento Superior Court No. 77913 - W. O. No. 265) The Commission was informed that this action has been brought pursuant to Statutes of 1947, Chapter 1154 which allows suits to quiet title to former beds of navigable waterways. The staff has investigated the factual data to attempt to clarify the possible State interest, if any, in an area which is now being subdivided, and which is known to have been the bed of the American River in 1866. The State has not parted with its record title to the original channel; but from the known facts, it appears impossible to state conclusively whether the State's title to the original channel has been lost in lieu of present channel which is known to have existed in 1885, but has been subsequently the subject of an adjudication vesting title to the present river bed in the littoral land owners. The State was not a party to such a judgment. It is felt that the State's ownership of the bed of the American River should be along a continuous strip, and that the equities involved should demand that the State retain ownership of the existing waterway, particularly in view of the fact that costly and extended litigation will most probably result should the State have to prove ownership of the original river bed area.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to request the Attorney General's office to settle this quiet title action by having the plaintiffs supply the State of California with quitclaim deeds for the entire width of the bed of the existing American River between the mean low water marks, from all the necessary claimants thereto, adjacent to plaintiffs property and further to advise the Attorney General's office that upon delivery of such quitclaims to the river bed, disclaimer may be made of any state interest in the old river channel, or otherwise supply plaintiffs with the necessary assurances which will allow vesting of title to the old river bed in plaintiffs.

14. (Victorville Auxiliary Air Field - Section 36, T. 6 N., R. 8 W., S.B.M. Los Angeles County - W. O. 94) The Commission was informed that the State during the war leased Section 36, T. 6 N., R. 8 W., S.B.M. to the United States upon which the Army built an auxiliary landing strip for training in connection with the Victorville Army Air Base and that when the