

8. AUTHORIZATION TO TERMINATE, BY NOTICE, APPLICATION (BID) TO PURCHASE STATE LAND (APPLICATION SA 5577), COUNTY OF LASSEN - SA 5577.

During consideration of Calendar Item 8 attached, James F. Trout, Manager, Land Operations, presented the background of the item to the Commission. Commissioner Dymally suggested that since the State is disposing of refuse from San Francisco to Lassen, this Commission or the Waste Disposal Commission should look into converting this refuse into some form of energy. He indicated that at a future date he would like to discuss this concept with the staff.

Mr. L. J. Bingham, member of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors, appeared, setting forth the reasons why the County opposes the termination of their purchase application.

Mr. N. Gregory Taylor, Assistant Attorney General, inserted that this item is a housekeeping matter since the expiration date for Commission consideration was in 1968. He indicated the process would have to be reinstated and the application reevaluated, taking into account the comments made at this meeting.

Mr. Dick Uptegrove, Deputy Road Commissioner, County of Lassen appeared and stated that the County would reapply to purchase the land as suggested by the Commission.

With no objections from the Commission, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION TERMINATES APPLICATION (BID) TO PURCHASE STATE LAND (APPLICATION NO. SA 5577) FILED BY THE COUNTY OF LASSEN.

Attachment:  
Calendar Item 8 (2 pages)

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OF APPLICATION (BID) TO PURCHASE STATE LAND  
(APPLICATION SA 5577)  
COUNTY OF LASSEN

BACKGROUND:

By letter application dated December 1, 1967, the County of Lassen requested that certain lands situated in T 27 N, R 17 E, MDM be withheld from public sale for a maximum period of two years.

On December 12, 1967, Lassen County's application to purchase state land was received, together with a \$350 minimum expense deposit and a \$5 filing fee.

On January 9, 1968, a county warrant for \$1,200 was received as additional expense deposit.

On March 22, 1968, a copy of the appraisal was mailed to the Board of Supervisors, Susanville, California. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2302(a) of Title 2, Division 3 of the California Administrative Code, the applicant has 20 days from the receipt of the above-mentioned appraisal to amend its original offer to equal the appraised value.

On April 29, 1968, the County of Lassen requested a time extension of 90 days. This request was honored by the State Lands Division and the time was extended to 5:00 p.m., July 15, 1968.

On July 9, 1968, the County of Lassen requested that the application be left in good standing, that a further extension of time to implement the County's application to purchase State Land be granted, and that the State Lands Division waive the requirement that the County's application be cancelled if the County failed to meet the appraised value prior to the end of the present time extension. No further action was taken by the Division.

CURRENT SITUATION:

On November 14, 1975, the Division contacted Mr. J. R. Uptegrove, Chief Deputy County Engineer of Lassen County. Mr. Uptegrove was advised that the State Lands Division was recommending to the State Lands Commission termination of Lassen County's Application (Bid) to Purchase State Land, Application SA 5577, for noncompliance with Section 2302(a) of Title 2, Division 3 of the California Administrative Code. However, if the County was willing to pay for a new appraisal, the application could be kept open. Mr. Uptegrove met with the Board of Supervisors on November 18, and November 25, 1975. The Board of Supervisors decided they wanted to keep the

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application open, but are not willing to pay for a new appraisal. The staff has been subsequently advised by the applicant, that Mr. Leonard Stefanelli, President of Sunset Scavenger Company is willing to pay for a new appraisal and environmental work.

In view of the State Lands Commission's directive to staff to prepare a School Land Management and Consolidation Program it is the staff's opinion that the sale of such a large block of land should not be pursued at this time. Accordingly, there appears to be sufficient reason to terminate the subject application.

Exhibit:           A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION TERMINATE APPLICATION (BID) TO PURCHASE STATE LAND (APPLICATION NO. SA 5577) FILED BY THE COUNTY OF LASSEN.