

was approved as Minute Item  
No. 43 by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 2  
to 0 at its 10/28/76  
meeting.

MINUTE ITEM

10/28/76  
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43. APPROVAL OF DAVIS LAKE AREA PROJECT BOUNDARY STUDY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MAPS - W 20693.1.

During consideration of Calendar Item 43, attached, Mr. James F. Trout, Land Operations, explained the item. He reported that the staff has tentatively scheduled, subject to the Commission's approval, a public meeting on November 18th, in Blythe, to receive input concerning the State's suggested location of the proposed boundary. Mr. Trout explained this was one of the first studies arising from the Legislature empowering the Division, with additional staff, to conduct a series of boundary locations and determinations throughout the State.

Mr. N. Gregory Taylor, Assistant Attorney General, commented that this is the first set of maps which have come as a result of this authorization. He complimented the staff in the preparation of these maps and this report. He stated that instead of litigating boundary disputes, this is a new method.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the resolution was presented in Calendar Item 43, was adopted by a vote of 2-0.

Attachment: Calendar Item 43 (1 page)

APPROVAL OF DAVIS LAKE AREA PROJECT  
BOUNDARY STUDY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MAPS

The Colorado River is one of the major boundary determination sites noted in the State Lands Division budget. The Davis Lake area project was selected by the State Lands Division as the first of several projects chosen along the Colorado River to define State ownership and provide a means to clarify title problems. Ownership determination is needed in this area before the twin problems of commercial and recreation structure control and environmental protection can be attacked.

The Davis Lake Area Project Boundary Study encompasses an 11.3 mile reach of the Colorado River located approximately 20 miles downstream from Blythe, California.

The Davis Lake Area Project Boundary Study is the result of staff investigation with the conclusion that the State of California owns the westerly half of the channel of the Colorado River in the subject area as that channel existed in the northerly 2.7 mile segment of the project area prior to construction of the 1947 pilot cut by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, and in the southerly 8.6 mile segment prior to the construction of the 1968 Cibola Cut by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation.

A field survey of the project area has been completed. Administrative maps have been drafted and are submitted to the State Lands Commission for approval. As substantiation for the maps, the Division's final Boundary Study is also submitted.

In January, 1976, a letter from Honorable Kenneth Cory, Chairman of the State Lands Commission, to Honorable Raul Castro, Governor of the State of Arizona, advised the Governor of the work on the Colorado River being done by the State Lands Division and suggested that Arizona's concurrence with and participation in ownership determination would be advantageous to the people of both Arizona and California. Response from Governor Castro and recent telephone conversations with the Arizona State Lands Department indicate that the matter is still under review by Arizona.

EXHIBIT: A. Site Map.

CALENDAR ITEM NO. 43. CONTD.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. APPROVE THE DAVIS LAKE AREA PROJECT BOUNDARY STUDY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MAPS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS DIVISION WHICH ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.
2. DIRECT THE STAFF TO PROVIDE COPIES OF THE STUDY TO THE ARIZONA STATE LANDS DEPARTMENT, TO THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL, TO U. S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, TO U. S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND TO OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.
3. AUTHORIZE THE STAFF TO HOLD PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS AND PREPARE FINAL SURVEY MAPS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMISSION.
4. AUTHORIZE THE STAFF TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CONCURRENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS AND FUTURE PROJECTS ALONG THE COLORADO RIVER.