

MINUTE ITEM

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REFORESTATION PROJECT TRIAL PLANTINGS

BACKGROUND:

Federal Title II funding of the first phase of a Statewide reforestation project on State-owned school lands was approved by the State Legislature in January. Minute Item No. 38 for January, 1978 authorized the execution of a contract with Employment Development Department (referee for the Title II Funds) for the remainder of fiscal year 1977-1978.

The proposed contracts for this phase of the project are on file with the State Lands Commission's Staff. These contracts obligate the Department of Forestry to provide consultation, expertise and supervision of site preparation and planting activities, and the California Conservation Corps to prepare and plant under the direction of CDF and the Commission's Staff. Each contract is for \$20,000.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The program for the period, ending June 30, 1978, will entail an examination and evaluation of many north State school land parcels for possible planting in fiscal year 1978-79. It will also include planting trials on 3 separate parcels of school land. The purpose of planting the Truckee site is to establish a permanent experimental plantation near Prosser Reservoir off Highway 89 northeast of Truckee, Nevada County. This site is not high quality, but contains areas typical of many school land parcels to be planted in ensuing years. The Fourthwater Creek site will entail planting seedlings among already naturally-regenerated seedlings on a cut-over parcel of approximately 30 acres near Bucks Lake (Plumas County). The Ferris Creek site will entail replanting portions of a burned over area partially planted last year, south of Honey Lake (Plumas County). Reforestation of the latter

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2 parcels was approved by the Commission in March, 1977 (Minute Item No. 11). In addition, at the Ferris Creek site, it may be necessary to enter into a road use agreement with the U.S.F.S.

Plantings are tentatively scheduled for April 3 on the Truckee site, April 15 on Ferris Creek and May 15 on Fourthwater Creek. Dates will be confirmed by CDF Service Foresters.

Minimal ground clearance and site preparation will be required on all 3 sites. This factor was key to selection of the sites for the initial plantings.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. This project is exempt from CEQA because it entails superficial disturbance to the soil, is for information collection purposes, and is directed toward improvement of natural resources.

Authority: Resources Agency Guidelines, Section 15104, 15106, and 15107.

2. This project is situated on school lands not identified as possessing significant environmental values. A staff review of available environmental information indicates no reason to identify the subject school land parcel as having such values at this time.

EXHIBITS: A., B., and C. Location Maps.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN EIR HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH REPORT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PRC 21085, 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15100 ET SEQ., AND 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2907.
2. DETERMINE THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT UPON THE ENVIRONMENT.
3. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF 2 INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 1977-1978; ONE WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY IN AN AMOUNT

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NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 AND ONE WITH THE CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.

4. APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND PLANTING OF THE TRUCKEE FIELD TEST SITE AND AUTHORIZE SUCH MEASURES AS WILL PROTECT AND MAINTAIN IT DURING THE LIFE OF THE WATERSHED AND FOREST REHABILITATION PROJECT.
5. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF ANY NECESSARY ROAD USE AGREEMENTS WITH THE U.S.F.S.

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