

MINUTE ITEM

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by the State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 2  
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meeting.

CALENDAR ITEM

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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR  
TEMPORARY ACCESS AGREEMENTS

The staff is proceeding with the Timber Management Program endorsed by the Commission at its June, 1980 meeting. Because of the scattered nature of the State-owned parcels for which timber harvest or reforestation is planned, it is often required to obtain rights of access across privately owned lands to reach the project sites. In some cases, temporary rights would be sufficient to allow contractors to enter the State lands to perform the initial work involved. It is often expedient for staff to seek such temporary access rights on short notice because of changing ground conditions due to the vagaries of the weather.

For instance, soil moisture conditions are very critical for successful plantation survival and change almost daily. Often alternate routes to planting sites must be found on short notice to provide access to the planting site when in the optimum soil moisture condition.

Because of this need to proceed on short notice, staff seeks delegation of authority to enter into temporary access agreements without specific Commission approval for each agreement. Such delegation would provide staff with more flexibility in its ability to cope with field conditions.

This activity is exempt from CEQA because it is not a project as described in P.R.C. 21065, 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15037 and 15060, and 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2903(d).

AB 884: N/A.

THEREFORE IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNATED STAFF TO ENTER INTO TEMPORARY ACCESS AGREEMENTS UNDER REASONABLE TERMS, FOR A DURATION NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS, AND NOT TO EXCEED \$1000 PER YEAR IN THE AGGREGATE IN COST TO THE STATE WHERE NECESSARY TO FACILITATE WORK ON PROJECTS ON STATE SCHOOL LANDS.