MINUTE ITEM This Calendar Item No. 42 was approved as Minute Item No. 42 by the State Lands Commission by a vote of 2 to ______at its _____X meeting.

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APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR TREE PLANTING ON FIRE BREAKS

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APPLICANT:

State Lands Commission 1807 - 13th Street Sacramento, California 95814

During the period of September 24 to October 6, 1987, the Lauder fire burned approximately 700 acres of forest land on the High Peak Parcel. Fire breaks 100 feet to 300 feet in width with an estimated total length of 3.3 miles were constructed across portions of Sections 16, 21 and 22, T18N, R11W, MDM, Mendocino County and a portion of Section 15, T18N, R11W, MDM, in Lake County. An estimated area of 80 acres is contained in the fire breaks and 31 acres in two adjoining, severely burned areas, for a total of 111 acres.

The fire break construction exposed bare mineral soil. The time for the planting is appropriate in March and April for seedling establishment before other vegetation invades the fire breaks and creates severe competition for space and nutrients. A total of 48,500 conifer seedlings, consisting of 13,500 Ponderosa Pine and 35,000 Douglas Fir are proposed for planting on the 111 acres. Authorization will be sough in a subsequent Calendar Item to contract timber salvage, site preparation, road maintenance and tree planting on the remaining 600 acres burned in the fire.

AB 884: N/A.

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION: authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a

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categorical exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 4, Minor Alteration to Land, 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2905(d)(5).

Authority: P.R.C. 21084, 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15300, and 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2905.

2. A notice to prospective tree planting contractors has been prepared for solicitation of planting bids.

3. The estimated cost for the work is \$15,000.

EXHIBITS: A. Vicinity Map. B. Site Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

- 1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061 AS A CATEGORICAL EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 4, MINOR ALTERATION TO LAND, 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2905,
- 2. AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$15,000 FOR TREEPLANTING ON SCHOOL LAND BURNED BY THE LAUDER CREEK FIRE OF 1987. PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061 AS A CATEGORICAL EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 4, MINOR ALTERATION TO LAND, 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2905.

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