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AT
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SISKIYOU COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

AN ANALYSIS OF FEASIBILITY
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SUMMARY OF
COPCO RESERVOIR REPORT

Investigation of the Copco Project was undertaken during the late Fall of 1959. A summary of the significant findings of the study follows:

I. Physical Features of the Reservoir:

The lake has a surface area of over 1000 acres, is maintained at a nearly constant level and has a shoreline of approximately 12-1/2 miles. Much of the shoreline and lands adjacent thereto are favorably situated for recreational development.

II. Natural Features of the Project Area:

Basaltic lava formations and cinder cones are unique geologic features of the area. The columnar basaltic formations rival those of the Devil's Postpile National Monument.

The wildlife existing in the area includes deer and smaller mammals, upland game birds including a large quail population, and a great number of waterfowl of all species. The project area is on the Pacific Flyway and waterfowl feed and rest on the lake. ^{and nest}

The lake supports a good sport fishery of yellow perch, large mouth bass and large rainbow trout.

III. Estimated Recreational Use:

It was calculated that, if there were public use facilities for camping and picnicking available at Copco Lake at the present time, annual visitation would be approximately 30,000.

Based on established trends of recreation use, it was estimated that there will be an average annual increase of 5,000 visitors. The optimum use is estimated to be approximately 180,000 visitors annually. This figure might expect to be reached at about 1990 or thirty years after opening of the area as a park.

IV. Resume of Possible Problems:

1. The algal bloom may be of such proportions that it would have a detrimental effect upon the recreational attractiveness of the entire area. Since this appears only during the summer months, it will have to be studied at a later date.
2. The California Oregon Power Company retained all rights to water and reserved various easements for Power Company purposes on land it sold to Mr. Frank Lathrop around the reservoir. Successful development of the area by the State depends upon the extent to which the California Oregon Power Company is willing to cooperate with respect to the State's use of

water

spring and stream waters for public use and coordinated action with respect to construction of future power facilities along easements.

3. Access into the area is being improved gradually. Road realignments under consideration by the County will also benefit the project area with prospects of better access. Estimate of future use is predicated on improved future access.
4. It is understood that the State will have control over all portions of the lake surface not needed for power production by Copco. Such control would include the authority to make and enforce rules and regulations concerning public use thereon. It is assumed that the California Oregon Power Company would be properly safeguarded from liability of all kinds arising from the public's use of the lake.

V. Resume of Costs:

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V. Resume of Costs (Cont'd):

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<u>Recurring Costs</u>			
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Operation & Maintenance	\$ 11,000	\$ 23,000	

Initial phase estimated to cost - \$1,108,000.

Optimum development of area estimated to cost -
\$2,750,000.

Note: Above figures exclude recurring operational costs.

VI. Recommendation:

The favorable factors inherent in the project area unquestionably identify the project as being worthy of State Park status.

algae { Because of a reported objectionable algal condition, which is at its worst during the height of the recreation season, including the months of July, August and September, it is impossible to give an unqualified recommendation to this project until this condition is thoroughly investigated. A supplemental report, therefore, must be made based on a study of the algal condition at the height of its purported nuisance, which coincides with the recreation season.

algae
no appropriation As it has not been possible to study this factor, it is recommended that no appropriation be made until thorough investigation of the algal condition can be completed. *no appropriation*

COPCO RESERVOIR

INTRODUCTION

As a result of Senate Resolution No. 102, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources directed the Division of Beaches and Parks to investigate the recreational potential of lands surrounding Copco Reservoir and to report the findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

Iron Gate Dam is scheduled for construction in the near future. Upon completion of its final phase, the reservoir will back up nearly to the lower Copco Dam. This additional body of water will have a profound influence on the use of Copco Reservoir, hence it must be considered within the recreational complex of the area now being studied.

The Federal Power Commission Order on Project No. 2082, issued September 23, 1959, directed the California Oregon Power Company to consult with this Division "to determine means for protecting and enhancing recreational values around the Iron Gate site".

Until such time as both dams can be studied as to their relative influence upon each other and as to their combined attractiveness, this report can only serve to indicate a partial potential of the total recreational complex. Lack of planning staff prevented concurrent investigation of both reservoir areas.

PART I - RECREATIONAL ANALYSIS

A. THE PROJECT PURPOSE:

Preliminary investigation has indicated that there are many natural and historic values present in and about Copco Reservoir. The purpose of the project will be to feature these values and to preserve and protect them and at the same time make them available for public use and enjoyment.

B. LOCATION AND GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Copco Reservoir, a private power development, is located in the Klamath River Basin, 35 miles northeast of Yreka in T48N, R4W, M.D.M., and is close to the Oregon border. The lake is approximately 5 miles long and has over a 1000 acre, nearly constant level, water surface with a shoreline of approximately 12-1/2 miles. The shoreline has many interesting coves, inlets and beaches.

The immediate vicinity is an extremely good example of lava cap formation, having prominent rim rock composed to a great extent of a columnar basalt flow structure. It is not only picturesque and interesting, but also a noteable phenomena.

In general, the slopes are timbered with a mixed cover of conifers and broad leafed species. Below the timbered slopes are grassy flats and hills adjacent to the reservoir shore.

C. IDENTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT VALUES:

Basically, park areas are set aside because of their inherent values. These are normally divided into three categories and may be classified as: natural, historical and recreational. Each category has distinct features which differ from the others, but still are interrelated. In the project area all three of these categories are present and each will be analyzed and assigned their relative importance in the project.

1. Natural Values.

a. Geologic History.

This remarkable area, in comparatively recent time, is considered to have been a portion of one of the world's great volcanic fields. During the general volcanic action of the period, the Klamath River was blocked by basalt flows and formed a lake 35 feet deeper than the present Copco Lake. The shorelines of this old lake are marked by conspicuous benches of diatomite above the present water level. Diatomite is a remarkable rock that contains myriads of the beautiful shells of minute fresh water diatoms. Because the shells are made of silica, a very hard substance, the rock is commercially used as an abrasive. These deposits have not been mined, ~~and their color~~ } *3 dilute*
~~indicates a low grade deposit.~~

The Copco activity began with the eruption of three cinder cones ranging from 200' to 300' in height. These cones are well defined and are located adjacent to the dam and within the project boundary. The flows moved down the valley of the Klamath River well into the proposed Iron Gate Reservoir area. The flow crust is blocky, but the lava beneath shows prominent columnar jointing. The columns are primarily vertical. In some areas the formations are distorted, which make a unique display and creates public interest. A similar area is located in the Devil's Postpile National Monument located in the Sierra Nevada.

Older volcanic features are present within the project area, but are much less spectacular.¹ Lava caves abound at the base of the basaltic cliffs. These caves show evidence of human habitation.

Another natural phenomena which is present in the area is the presence of springs which issue from the crevices of the lava rock in considerable quantities and whose flow does not vary the year around. These are an excellent supply of potable water.

¹California, Division of Mines, Evolution of the California Landscape, Bull. 158, 1952, p. 121.

2. Historic Aspect.

This region was the native home of the Shasta Indian. Within the project area were nine known villages. Eight have been inundated by Copco Lake. The lone site above water level is located at the southwest end of the project.

During the time of the Indian wars in this region, there was a recorded engagement between a detachment of U. S. soldiers and a band of Indians. The engagement was supposed to have been fought at the base of the rim rock in the northwest portion of the project.

There are several lava caves located in the base of a basaltic cliff formation which show strong evidence of being lived in. Although there has been some sporadic digging within the caves, there is still opportunity for archeological exploration and study.

Considerable gold mining activity took place, followed by the homesteaders. One of the oldest stage-coach roads passes through the project along the south side of the lake. It was called the Old Ager, Beswick, Linkville Road. Pioneer settlers established dairy farms in the bottom lands along the river.

3. Wildlife.

The area abounds in wildlife of all kinds. This is due in part to the fact that the present owner has not only posted the land against hunting, but has also carried out a program of predator eradication. The project area is on the Pacific Flyway and is a natural feeding and resting place for waterfowl. The amount and kinds of wildlife represented is a unique feature in itself and well worth preserving through the medium of a park area for public observation.

There are both warm and cold water fish within the reservoir, which makes for an excellent fishery.

D. REGIONAL RECREATIONAL AREA:

A brief inspection of the region around Copco Reservoir (See Vicinity Map) reveals that there are practically no public recreational facilities present. The lone exception being the U. S. Forest Service Bear Canyon Campground. The major recreational use of the region at the present time is mainly by fishermen along the Klamath River and deer hunters on public domain lands.

The recreational potential of the region is enormous. This the U. S. Forest Service has recognized in an inventory of areas within this region holding outdoor

recreation potential. This survey was made for the California Public Outdoor Recreation Plan Committee.

As mentioned elsewhere in this report, the construction of Iron Gate Reservoir will increase the recreational potential still more.

E. FACTORS INFLUENCING RECREATIONAL USE:

1. Climate.

This area is characterized by four distinct seasons. The summers are warm, but the heat is not as intense as that experienced in the Central Valley. Cooling breezes blow across the lake in midafternoon and evening. The winters are mild with occasional snow. Normally this area is frost free from May through September. Annual precipitation is about 15 inches per season. Seventy-five percent of the precipitation occurs in the winter months.

The climate favors outdoor recreation during the summer and fall seasons.

2. Population.

Population estimates for the State and the Nation play an important role in estimating future recreation use.

Presently, the distance from local population centers seems to play an important part in the recreational

use of the area. With the passage of time, it has been determined in the recent past that the amount of recreation use originating in the local population becomes relatively less and use from the larger centers of population becomes increasingly more important. Factors in this trend being better road systems, improvement of the automobile and increasing leisure time.

3. Access.

Present access into the area is by partially paved County road. This road is being improved gradually.

With the dam at Iron Gate planned for completion in the Fall of 1962, a portion of the present road from Hornbrook to Copco will be inundated. It is the plan of the County to improve the alignment of that road, possibly to continue it around the north side of Copco Reservoir and thence realign the existing route to Dorris (Highway 97). This proposed plan would make excellent access both from Highways 99 and 97. Should the north side of Copco Lake not be included in the County plan, it is not at all unreasonable to assume that the California Oregon Power Company may consider that route as access to the Warm Springs Powerhouse when construction begins around 1965 to 1970.

4. Project Features.

a. Reservoir Conditions.

1. Water Fluctuation.

This is a power producing reservoir, and river conditions being as they are, its operation is based on a nearly constant water level. Maximum drawdown is six feet and the average is from two to three feet. This feature makes it an excellent recreational lake.

2. Water Quality.

*algae
Pollution*

Although studies and laboratory reports confirm the fact that there is no pollution of the Klamath River in California, there is an interstate problem in the matter of high natural fertility and heavy organic loading of the Klamath River as it enters California. The upsurge of blue-green algal bloom in Copco Lake is an expression of this "fertility". This nuisance bloom exists downstream to the sea.¹

*also upstream
all Snake Lakes*

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It is predicted that the construction of additional reservoirs on the Klamath River will have the effect of greatly increasing the

*increase
algae*

¹ Joint Report of State of California, State of Oregon and United States Public Health Service, Investigations of Pollution in the Klamath River System, 1952-1953.

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algal
organic load carried by this stream. This condition could put an end to fish production in the stream.¹ Residents of the area state that the odor caused by algae is clearly noticeable for more than 1/2 mile during July, August and September.

Final determination as to the effect the algal condition will have on recreation will be made at the height of the nuisance in the summer season.

3. Winds.

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The summer and fall days are characterized by easterly or down lake winds of gentle force. Some gusts are experienced in the later afternoon. Adjacent land forms may cause some eddying of winds. Rarely are there calms. During these two seasons, sailboating conditions are excellent and this sport has been quite popular in the past. The prevailing storms come from the south or southwest.

4. Snags.

Snags still standing on the bottom of the upper half of the reservoir constitute a

¹State of Oregon (various agencies), Survey of the Phytoplankton Problems in Klamath Lake, 1956-1957, pp. 1, 2 & 4.

definite hazard to boating and somewhat spoil the aesthetic shoreside view. A program of snag removal will be required before full boating potential is realized.

5. Fishing.

Fishing in the lake is available all summer and part of the winter. Some of the finest trout are found here, since the lake is practically the original river channel which is deep and possesses a good trout fishery. Bass are in good supply as are yellow perch and six other species of spiny-ray fish.

6. Wildlife.

This area is on the Pacific Flyway and is a natural feeding and resting ground for many types of waterfowl. It is, also, a feeding ground for deer that come from the Oregon border. The area is an excellent natural habitat for quail, as well as many other birds and mammals.

b. Shoreline.

The shoreline is characterized by many coves and inlets capable of development. This, coupled with the fact that the water level is nearly constant,

algae

makes an ideal situation for extensive boating and marina use. At certain periods of the summer season, algae is washed upon the shore. It in turn decays and to some is obnoxious. There are conflicting reports on the latter statement. It will be verified and reported upon later this year and made a supplementary part of this report. This is too vital a point to be left to hearsay and warrants an intensive investigation. Until this condition is investigated, no definite statement can be made of the swimming quality of the shoreline. The present limited number of users both swim and water ski at certain seasons of the year.

plenty of fresh water swimming looks answer

c. Surrounding Lands.

The lands adjacent to the shore are adaptable for several recreational uses.

The geological formations are not only of general interest, but capable of being an integral part of the area interpretation program along with the historical and archeological aspects.

Numerous sites are especially adapted to picnicking, camping and boating uses.

water
6 creeks

All this is contained within a fairly well defined topographic boundary. The water supply for project development can be obtained from six creeks containing potable water. Three water sources are entirely within the project. These are springs coming out of the lava formation from subterranean sources. The California Oregon Power Company owns the major water rights within the project area. They have agreed to cooperate with the State insofar as use of water for public development purposes is concerned.

easements
value

Easements retained by California Oregon Power Company will reflect on the value of the land and because of the magnitude of these deed restrictions, difficulties in land acquisition may be encountered (See Appendix).

F. ESTIMATE OF RECREATIONAL NEED AND USE:

1. Present Recreational Use.

The majority of the lands around Copco Reservoir are now in private ownership, having been acquired from the California Oregon Power Company in 1952. These lands have been posted, but the present owner allows the public to gain access to the lake from a small area designated for day use purposes only.

Previous to 1952, the area received considerable family recreational use. This was borne out by local inquiry. The two most popular were fishing and picnicking, even though there were no public facilities built. A report by Department of Fish and Game field personnel stated that on Sunday, May 2, 1954, two years after restricted and conditioned use was imposed upon the area, 55 people were fishing, 23 being boat anglers. Seven people were from Oregon and the others from Dorris, Yreka and Tule Lake. These conditions were considered normal for a "good" Sunday. Local inquiry seems to substantiate these observations. Assuming an active season of 4 months and sporadic use the rest of the year, by extrapolation, annual day use was determined to be 2500 persons, mostly anglers.

Dwinnell
The nearest area getting similar use is Dwinnell Reservoir, located thirty miles south in the Shasta Valley. Recreational use at this reservoir, although unrestricted, is limited to day use, in that there are no facilities for longer occupancy. The calculated visitor attendance for 1958 is:

Fishing	4,105
Boating	5,255
Total Day Use	- 9,360 ¹

¹California, Department of Water Resources, Recreation Potential of Granada Ranch and Gregory Mountain Reservoirs - Shasta Valley Investigation, by Ed V. Dwyer and George E. Reiner, August 1959.

not complete

From this we can assume that with relaxed controls around Copco Lake, day use would approximate that of Dwinnell Reservoir.

2. Basic Assumptions.

An estimate of future use is dependent upon the recognition of certain facts, factors and assumptions.

It will be assumed for the purposes of this report that:

- a. Established trends and concepts in population growth, leisure time and standards of living will continue.
- b. The present trend of persons needing and seeking outdoor recreation will continue.
- c. The "project attractiveness" will have a drawing power similar to State Park areas having comparable features.
- d. The proposed Iron Gate Reservoir to be located in the immediate vicinity will increase the future attractiveness of the area.
- e. Improved access from US 99 and 97 is contemplated within the near future.
- algae* (f. Algal conditions are not entirely offensive during recreation season.

3. Future Recreational Use.

Employment of a prediction method based on relation of future need to present use is difficult in this case, since artificial controls have restricted free use of the project area.

It is reasonable to assume that unrestricted day use in the project area would quadruple the present annual attendance to 10,000. With the addition of public use facilities, including overnite use, and applying the camper-picnicker ratio of a comparable nearby State Park (2:1), the estimated annual present use would be 30,000.

The United States Forest Service has made a study of the future recreation needs of this region and projected its estimate to the year 2000. The total anticipated load cannot be borne by the Forest Service alone and other allied public agencies are needed in the area to help alleviate the mounting pressures for outdoor recreation. By 1966, and this is certainly in the foreseeable future, the Forest Service estimates that there will be an estimated 219,000 forest users yearly in this area. Of these, 80,000 will be campers, 5,000 picnickers, 20,000 winter sports enthusiasts, 1,000 group campers, and 5,000

seeking the more rugged wilderness camping. 28,000 will visit hotels, resorts and summer homes. All other users not specifically mentioned above total 80,000.

By applying present park use trends, Copco Reservoir would have an estimated annual increase of 5,000 visitors and by 1966 a yearly visitation of approximately 60,000 would be reached. Initial facilities then should be aimed at satisfying this requirement. Thus this area would satisfy nearly a quarter of the regional need. Since the type and location of Forest Service ownership precludes their satisfying regional still water boating and fishing needs, Copco Lake is in a position to meet a major portion of that requirement.

4. Project Capability.

The project area is capable of accommodating approximately three times the initial development. Initial development should be completed within five years after acquisition. Should the need arise, adjacent lands could be acquired for additional public use. This should not be contemplated, however, until the proposed Iron Gate facility has been investigated.

It is estimated that optimum development would accommodate 180,000 visitors annually. The major public use facilities would include:

Camp Units - 600
Picnic Units - 300
Group Camps - 2
Concession Area with Marina - 1
Boat Launching Facility - 2
Trails - Observation Points, etc.

Predicated on the continuance of present trend, optimum development should be needed in about 30 years.

G. ECONOMIC APPRAISAL:

Present land use is devoted to a wildlife refuge. The owner wanted to make full use of the natural habitat, consisting of nesting, resting and feeding areas of deer, upland birds and waterfowl. He has consistently eradicated predators.

8 Small portions of the area are used for grazing on a lease basis. 1650 ac range - 200 ac irrig.

9 no agri value
2 The land within the project area has no agricultural value.

The removal of land within the indicated project boundary from County tax rolls for purposes of public recreation cannot appreciably effect tax revenue. What land is removed from the tax rolls can be easily justified on the basis of benefits to the area, which would have the

net effect of increased dollar spending in the County by outside County visitors seeking recreation.

H. ECOLOGIC OBSERVATIONS:

A comprehensive ecologic study was not made of this area. That will be done if the project is approved as an addition to the State Park System. At that time the Ecologic Management Plan for the area will be made for inclusion in the Master Plan.

The essentially volcanic soil has a small amount of organic material in it and gives evidence of pulverizing rapidly under moderate public use. This condition would have the tendency to limit the allowable intensity of public use, unless some preventive action was taken. The stage of the vegetation is either climax or close subclimax of Ponderosa Pine - Oak Woodland. There were no unusual plant associations seen within the project area.

3 The area is highly inflammable during the summer months. A recent fire, the Bogus burn, crept into the extreme eastern end of the project. Damage was not too great and vegetation is recovering. The value of the area for recreation purposes was not unduly impaired.

*never been fire
no different than normally
or any other recreation
in county area or much
2000000*

Although the ecologic state is not in delicate balance, adequate precautions in the site planning and development stages will prevent appreciable area deterioration.

I. RECOMMENDATION:

algal The project area has a recreation potential of more than local interest. Some features have undoubted statewide significance. Because the algal condition has not been investigated when it is supposed to be in its most objectionable state, it becomes a matter of extreme concern, due to its appearance during the height of the recreation season. The sum of the favorable factors, not considering algae, identifies the project area as being worthy of State Park status. At this time it is impossible to give an unqualified recommendation to this project until the extent of the algal nuisance on recreation has been determined.

PART II - DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION

A. RECOMMENDED BOUNDARY AND LAND ACQUISITION:

The boundary has been selected to take advantage of natural features, which generally form a topographic unit. Although additional areas are adjacent to the project area which have good recreational potential, the amount included in this project is considered sufficient to supply the estimated needs of the area for some time

to come. If use trends indicate heavier use than the estimate, additional lands can be acquired.

Total land acquisition is approximately 3,620 acres. The bulk of the land is in one ownership, and belongs to Mr. Frank Lathrop of Yreka. The Wildlife Conservation Board considers this area worthy of public ownership and Mr. Lathrop was willing to sell all or part of his land to them. His price at that time for 1,800 Ac.± was \$137,500.00. Mr. Lathrop has been contacted and is still willing to sell. Four other private owners, the California Oregon Power Company and lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management complete the ownership pattern within the project boundary.

B. RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT AND COST ESTIMATES:

1. Initial Development - A Five Year Program.

It is proposed to divide this development into two stages. The areas scheduled for immediate development in Stage I would be the Snackenburg-Mill Creek Overnite Area and Lennox Cove Day Use Area. Demonstrated use at these areas would thus determine the rate of accomplishment of the remainder of the initial program. Expansion across the reservoir is planned when the initial boat launching facilities become inadequate at the Lennox Cove Area.

The facilities and their approximate cost needed to satisfy the estimated initial use of up to 60,000 visitors annually are as follows:

Stage I

150 camp sites @ \$1500/unit	\$ 225,000
75 picnic sites @ \$1000/unit	75,000
Roads and parking	120,000
Boat launching ramp	15,000
Trails - 5 miles	5,000
Scenic Overlook - 2 @ \$1000	2,000
Water development	75,000
Service building	10,000
Electrical service	25,000
Bridge repair	15,000
Reservoir sanitation	<u>25,000</u>
	\$ 592,000

Stage II

Group camp - 100 persons	\$ 50,000
Boat launching facility	
3 lane launching ramp	37,500
50 space mooring facility	5,000
150 car and trailer parking	45,000
Roads and parking	60,000
Headquarters area	17,500
Service building	11,000
Electric power extension	5,000
Replacement bridge	<u>85,000</u>
	\$ 316,000

Total Recommended Initial Development - \$ 908,000

2. Estimated Optimum Capacity of Project Area.

Public Use Facilities

Campsites - 600
 Picnic sites - 300
 Group camps - 2
 Concession area - with marina

Boat launching facilities - 2
Scenic observation points - 6
Roads - 10 miles
Trails - 15 miles
Also, necessary service facilities

These facilities will accommodate approximately 180,000 visitor days annually. Based on projection of current trends of visitor attendance, optimum development will be reached soon after the year 1990. Additional cost to bring to optimum development is estimated at \$2,500,000.

C. ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION:

Administration of this project will be similar to other State operated reservoir areas. Two factors that will have an effect on the operation are:

1. The construction of Iron Gate Dam and Reservoir immediately downstream of the Copco Dam.
2. The proposed realignment of the County road between Hornbrook and Dorris.

3 mo Due to fragile soil conditions existing in the project area, it would be most practical to work out a plan of rest rotation for the camp and picnic areas. This phase of park operation would be covered in an Ecologic Management Plan.

fire protection
The flammable condition of the area necessitates particular attention to park fire suppression and suppression fire plans.

With the more frequent use of Adult Authority conservation crews in State Park areas, it might be well to consider their use in this somewhat remote area for projects best suited to them, such as:

Reservoir sanitation (snag removal and shoreside cleanup).

Trail building.

Rubble masonry construction.

Other type work requiring a great amount of hand labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

February 9, 1960

To: Supervising Park Land Agent
From: Donald F. Bruno
Subject: Copco Reservoir Project -
Siskiyou County

Please refer to your memo dated January 26, 1960 concerning the above referenced subject matter.

During the week of February 1 I made an investigation of property including an on the ground survey accompanied by Mr. Charles Mehlert of the Land Planning staff.

*Water
comments*
During the investigation of the public records I found that the principal property owner in this project had acquired the bulk of his property in August, 1954. This purchase was made from the California Oregon Power Company at which time Copco reserved virtually all of the water on the property. In addition several easements were reserved both existing and proposed. These easements as provided for are up to 100 feet in width. Continuing investigation also disclosed the fact that the lake itself develops a very offensive odor during the summer months. This results from the presence of algae, tules, and possible contamination from waste matters disposed of by lumber firms in the State of Oregon. In an attempt to obtain some idea of the degree of offensiveness of this lake, a comparison was made with Clear Lake. The unanimous opinion of informed people was that Copco Lake was much worse in all respects and that actually there was little comparison between the two. These observations were independently verified through very reliable sources, namely, a prominent well informed rancher living in the immediate area, a leading well informed real estate broker who was personally familiar with the area, and a local Yreka banker.

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Supervising Park
Land Agent

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February 9, 1960

lack of water
no nuisance
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Since there was insufficient time to determine the status of all of the parcels involved in this proposed taking the following estimate is made on the assumption that water is available to all of the parcels other than the major holding. Also this estimate is based on the supposition the property may not be purchased until approximately two years hence. It is estimated that for those parcels designated as first priority it will cost approximately \$162,200.00 to acquire, and for the acquisition of those parcels designated as second priority the cost will be \$10,800.00, making a total of \$173,000.00 over-all.

Donald F. Bruno /s/

DONALD F. BRUNO
Senior Land Agent

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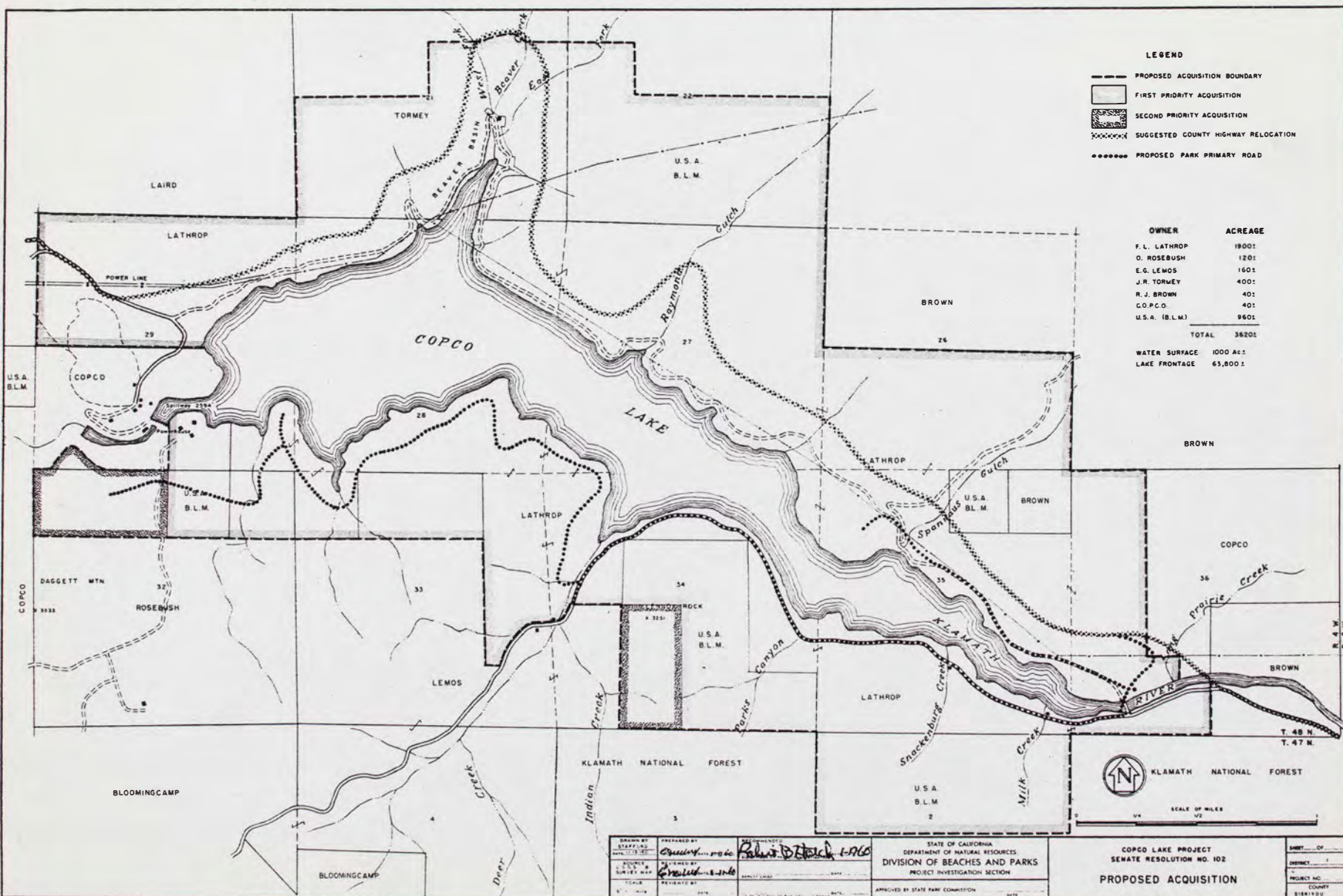
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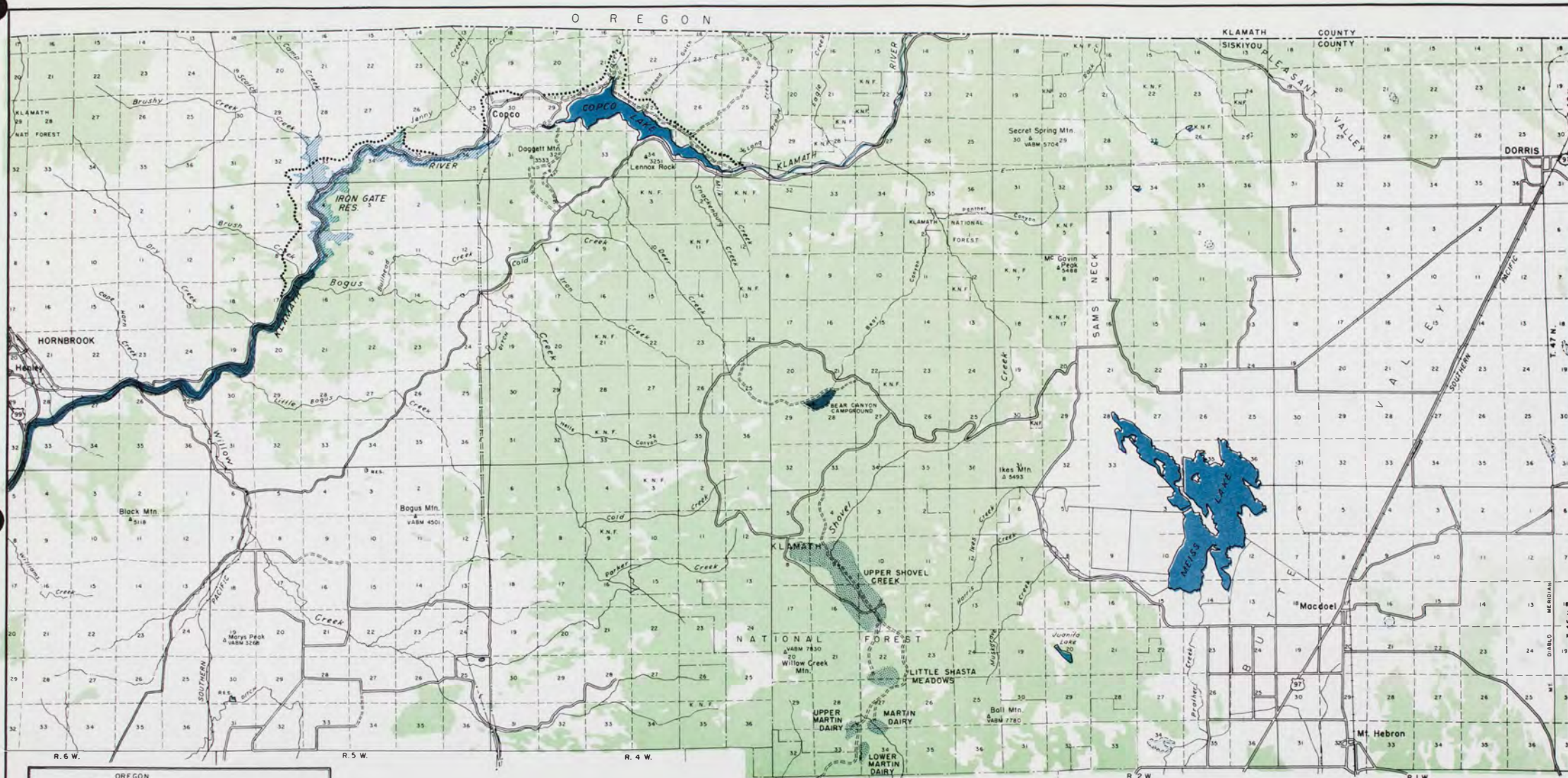


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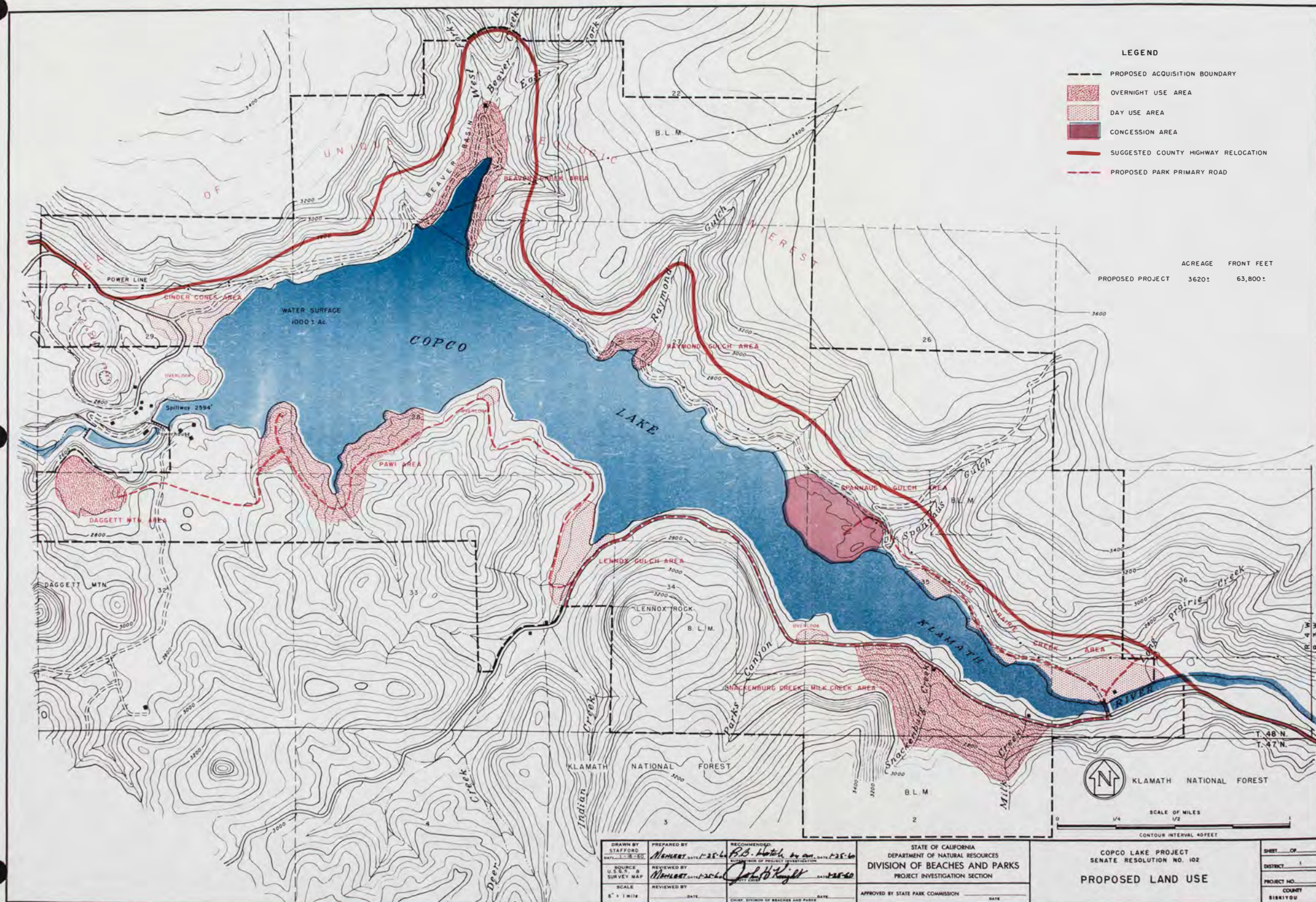
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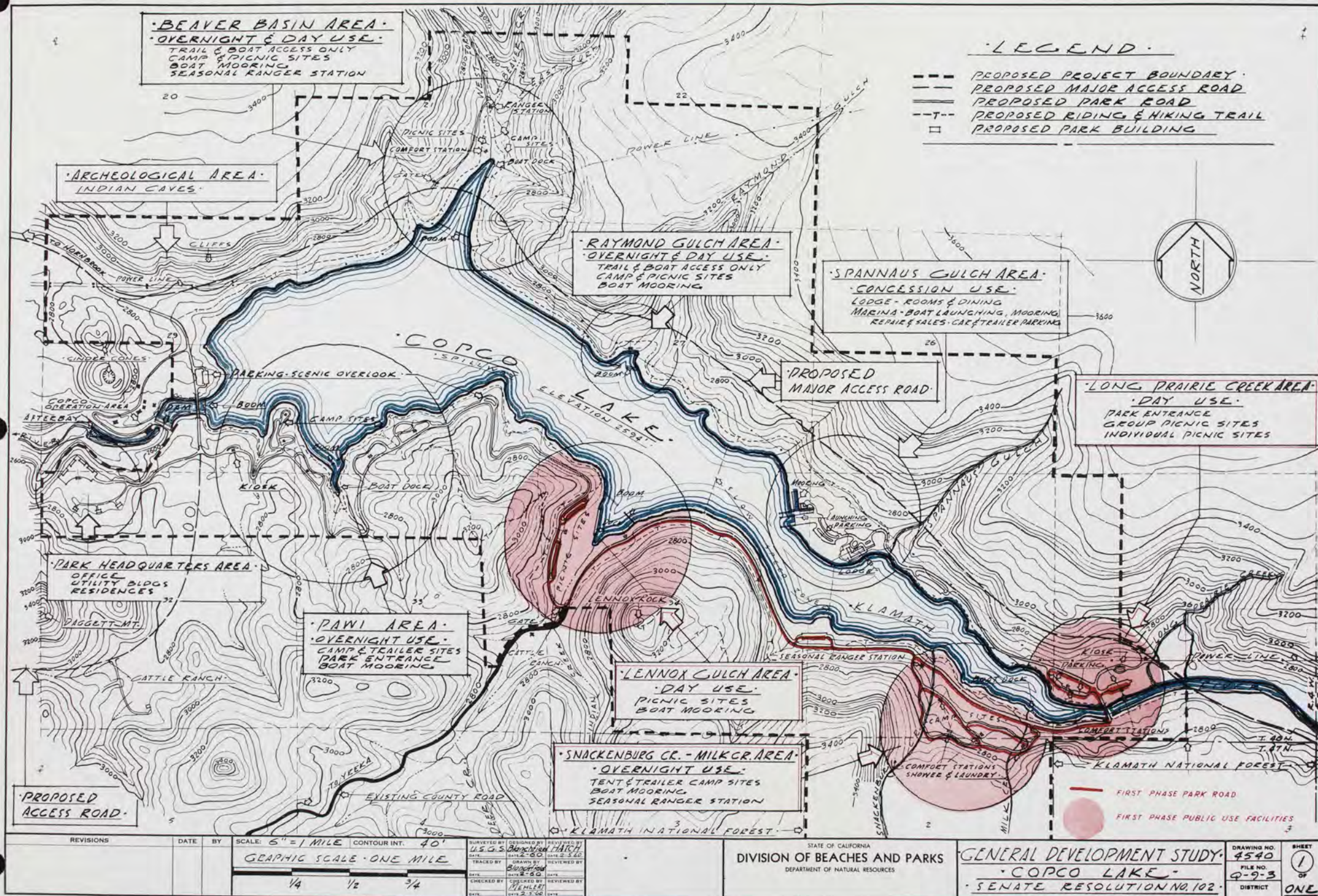


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COPCO LAKE PROJECT
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 REGIONAL RECREATION AREA

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Senate Resolution No. 102

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Relative to a state park and recreation area on Copco Reservoir, Siskiyou County

WHEREAS, There is no state park and recreation area in the extreme north central portion of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, There is no state park and recreation area in Siskiyou County; and

WHEREAS, There is a fine body of water known as the Copco Reservoir, situated on the Klamath River near the Oregon line, northeast of Yreka; and

WHEREAS, This reservoir and adjacent land would make an ideal area for water recreation, fishing, camping, picnicking and wildlife sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for such recreational opportunities in this portion of the State; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the State Park Commission through the Division of Beaches and Parks of the Department of Natural Resources is directed to make investigations, studies, surveys, and prepare general plans with respect to the desirability of acquiring all or portions of the recreation lands surrounding the Copco Reservoir and to include within its report an estimate of the cost and an estimate of the number of visitor days projected, and recommendations in regard thereto; and be it further

Resolved, That the State Park Commission through the Division of Beaches and Parks of the Department of Natural Resources is directed to submit its report and recommendations on said proposal to the Legislature not later than the fifth day of the 1960 Regular Session of the Legislature; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the State Park Commission, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Chief of the Division of Beaches and Parks.

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EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
TWENTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY

IN SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, SACRAMENTO
Wednesday, March 23, 1960

The Senate met at 2 p.m.
Hon. John F. McCarthy, Vice Chairman of the Committee on Rules,
presiding.
Assistant Secretary Floyd M. Nolin at the desk.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and the following answered to their names:

Senators Arnold, Beard, Berry, Brown, Burns, Byrne, Cameron, Christensen,
Cobey, Collier, Coombs, Dilworth, Dolwig, Donnelly, Erhart, Farr, Fisher, Gibson,
Grunsky, Hollister, Holmdahl, Johnson, McAttee, McCarthy, Miller, Montgomery,
Murdy, O'Sullivan, Rattigan, Regan, Richards, Rodda, Shaw, Short, Slattery,
Stiern, Teale, Thompson, and Williams—39.

Quorum present.

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Committee on Water Resources

SENATE CHAMBER, March 22, 1960

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Water Resources, to which was referred:
Assembly Joint Resolution No. 6
Has had the same under consideration, and reports the same back with the recom-
mendation: Be adopted.

WILLIAMS, Chairman

Above reported resolution ordered to third reading.

Committee on Finance

SENATE CHAMBER, March 23, 1960

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Finance, to which was referred:
Senate Bill No. 15
Has had the same under consideration, and reports the same back with the recom-
mendation: Do pass.

BROWN, Vice Chairman

Above reported bill ordered to second reading.

Committee on Revenue and Taxation

SENATE CHAMBER, March 22, 1960

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to which was referred:
Senate Bill No. 19
Has had the same under consideration, and reports the same back with amendments
with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

DILWORTH, Chairman

Above reported bill ordered to second reading.

SENATE CHAMBER, March 7, 1960

MR. PRESIDENT: The Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to which was referred:
Senate Bill No. 8
Has had the same under consideration, and reports the same back with amendments
with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

DILWORTH, Chairman

Above reported bill ordered to second reading.

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March 21, 1960

Mr. J. A. Beck
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento 14, California

Dear Mr. Beck:

Reference is made to Senate Resolution No. 108, adopted May 4, 1939, directing the Division of Beaches and Parks of the Department of Natural Resources "to make investigations, studies, surveys, and prepare general plans with respect to the desirability of acquiring all or portions of the recreation lands surrounding the Copco Reservoir and to include within its report an estimate of the cost and an estimate of the number of visitor days projected, and recommendations in regard thereto."

In compliance with said resolution the Division of Beaches and Parks has made such study and copy of the report titled "A State Park Proposal at Copco Reservoir, Siskiyou County, California", is transmitted herewith. The recommendation by the Division of Beaches and Parks is as follows:

"The project area has a recreation potential of more than local interest. Some features have undoubted statewide significance. Because the algal condition has not been investigated when it is supposed to be in its most objectionable state, it becomes a matter of extreme concern, due to its appearance during the height of the recreation season. The sum of the favorable factors, not considering algae, identifies the project area as being worthy of State Park status. At this time it is impossible to give an unqualified recommendation to this project until the extent of the algal nuisance on recreation has been determined."

Mr. J. A. Book
March 21, 1960
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In view of the algae problem referred to in the above recommendation it is recommended that further study be given to this matter and the possibilities of its control to be explored during the coming summer season. A further report will be presented to your body on this subject at the next regular session of the Legislature in 1961.

Sincerely yours,

Reville Nelson, Director

Encl.

cc: Hon. Edward G. Brown
Hon. Randolph Collier
Mr. Charles A. DeTurk

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Proctor's J H Ranch
Etna, Calif.

Powell-Proctor
offer.

June 27, 1960

F. L. Lathrop
425 Yama St.
Yreka, Calif.

Dear Frank:

In accordance with our telephone conversation the other day, I am writing this letter to tell you the terms under which I, and my associates, feel we can purchase your Copco property.

1. The purchase price—\$250,000.00
2. Terms—\$50,000.00 down and \$20,000.00 per year on the principle, for 10 years.
3. We will pay \$10,000.00 for an option to be picked up by January 1, 1961.
4. There shall be no interest on the balance of the price after the down payment of \$50,000.00 until January 1, 1963. After that time, the balance of the purchase price shall bear interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum.
5. Relative to the mineral rights, we are perfectly agreeable to letting you have 50% of all of the mineral that is developed during your or your wife's lifetime, but this will have to be by a supplemental agreement, as we do not want any cloud on the title of the land.

We have given this a great deal of thought and believe that we can put it together very fast. We are asking for the 6 months option merely to protect our investment. We will exercise the option as quickly as we can.

Very truly yours,

Walton E. Powell

J. D. Proctor

FRANK L. LATHROP

425 YAMA STREET - YREKA, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE VICTOR 2-3281

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STATE SOVEREIGN TITLES
FULLY AUTHENTICATED AND DOCUMENTED
FROM ORIGINAL SOURCES

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July 22, 1960

Wright and Kimbrough
819 J Street
Sacramento, California

Attn: Mr. Edd Brown

On July 19th, in your office, you informed me that Wright and Kimbrough were not ready to buy our Copco Lake property for their own account or to pay \$10,000 for an option to purchase as at first discussed July 11th and when you made your field examination July 12-13.

Based upon this examination you requested authorization to present our property through a co-operating broker, to two named clients: Delzel McMicking and Inks Bros., quoting them a price of \$275,000 which includes a 10% commission above our agreed net sale price of \$250,000 and upon the terms, conditions and reservations set forth herein:

Terms:

First payment to be 29% of our net price of \$250,000, balance in 4 equal annual installments bearing interest at $5\frac{1}{2}\%$, secured by notes and deed of trust against the property.

Conditions:

Time is of the essence in the exercise of this authorization. Prompt action may insure you a sale before another buyer may have money up.

Reservations:

A reservation of $1/2$ of the mineral rights is to be the subject of a supplemental agreement. The minerals will include cinders and diatomite.

FRANK L. LATHROP

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Wright and Kimbrough
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July 22, 1960

This letter constitutes an authorization to negotiate and extends only until August 19th unless extended in writing upon your showing of progress made satisfactory to us, in dealing with either buying client for a further period of 30 days.

You are again reminded that we are dealing with other parties directly and if successful this authorization automatically ceases.

This letter shall not be construed as an exclusive listing or exclusive right to sell.

Frank L. Lathrop

Georgina C. Lathrop

W. P. WRIGHT, PRESIDENT
E. M. WRIGHT, V. PRES.
A. RUSSEL GALLAWAY, JR., SECRETARY

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GENERAL INSURANCE
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Wright and Kimbrough

Realtors

819 J STREET
SACRAMENTO 4, CALIF.

August 24, 1960

home

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Frank L. Lathrop
425 Yama Street
Yreka, California

Dear Mr. Lathrop:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I just received from our associate broker, stating that Mr. McMicking has been out of town, and he will try to get him to fly over your property as soon as possible.

A visit of Mr. W. P. Wright and the Inks Bros. was delayed as Mr. Wright fractured his ribs in an accident. We hope the visit will be in the next ten days. Will keep you informed as soon as I have any information.

Very truly yours

Ed Brown with
WRIGHT & KIMBROUGH

EB/gf

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F. BRUCE MAIDEN & COMPANY
REAL ESTATE

1404 FRANKLIN STREET, SUITE 415

HIGHGATE 4-5800

OAKLAND 12
CALIFORNIA

August 23, 1960

Mr. Ed Brown
Wright and Kimbrough
819 J Street
Sacramento, California

Re: Cosco Lake Property

Dear Ed:

Mr. Henry McMicking has been out of town, and will not return until Thursday of this week. I will keep you advised.

Very truly yours,

Jack
J. W. Fergusson

P.S. I'm just as impatient as you are !!!

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New clippings - Copco Lake State Park

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Siskiyou Hearing On Controversial Plan For Lake Copco State Park Is Set

YREKA, Siskiyou Co. — A special hearing of the board of supervisors has been scheduled for 10 AM Wednesday on the proposal to develop the Copco Lake area into a state park.

Chairman W. C. Ealy said the meeting was requested by Supervisor W. A. Barr of Mt. Shasta, who believes the area is not suitable for a park.

Robert Hatch, project director of the state division of beaches and parks, said his organization will attend the hearing to gain information to assist in an evaluation study being made.

Power Company Dam

Copco Lake is impounded on the Klamath River behind a California-Oregon Power Company dam approximately 35 miles northeast of Yreka. It has more than 12 miles of shore line. The surface of the lake is public but most of the land surrounding it is privately owned.

Assets Listed

The following assets were attributed to the site:

Geological — Remarkable volcanic formation similar to the Devils Postpile National Monument; lava caves showing evidence of human habitation; excellent potable water supply.

Historical — Home of the Shasta Indian; opportunity for archeological exploration and study.

Wildlife — Deer and birds abound; natural feeding and resting place for waterfowl; an excellent cold and warm water fishery.

Favorable climate.

Access — A proposed county road would provide excellent access from Highways 99 and 97.

Water fluctuation — Maximum six feet, average two or three feet.

Hatch said it is not feasible to treat the water to eliminate the algae.

paper column, written by him, Barr stated, 1381.

"All concerned should attend the meeting and help us determine whether or not the proposed park is in fact a recreation development or a scheme to get high prices for real estate contiguous to a body of water that may not be suitable for boating and swimming."

Value Of Land

Frank Lathrop of Yreka bought land around the lake from the California-Oregon Power Company in 1954. Revenue stamps indicate the sale was for \$22,000. Lathrop has prohibited use of the land by the public although hunters and fishermen have access to the lake at Keaton's Cove.

In 1957 Lathrop, authorities reported, offered to sell 1,800 of the 2,600 acres in private ownership sought for the park for \$137,500 to the wildlife conservation board.

than 75 years old and have been used for that time. The reservation of COPCO are immaterial," Lathrop countered.

'Poor Water'

Ralph Leavers, president of the Klamath River Sportsmen's Association and an unsuccessful candidate for Collier's seat in the senate in 1958, contends Copco Lake has possibly the poorest water in Siskiyou County.

"It has been used historically by local people for fishing in early spring prior to when the odor becomes excessive. In fall months it is again used by duck hunters and if it becomes a state park it will eliminate hunting. It is far better suited to use by local people than tourists," Leaver contends.

Sportsmen's Stand

Lathrop dismisses the objection of the sportsmen as a

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The scenic attraction of Copco Lake in northern Siskiyou County is shown in this view. Dee Mills, division of

beaches and parks employes, easily caught several yellow perch about eight inches long for lunch. Bee Photo

Picture taken 9/14/60

State Plans Lake Area Development

Supervisor W. A. (Art) Barr, Mount Shasta, questioned Robert Hatch of the state division of beaches and parks this morning at a hearing of proposed development of a state park at Copco lake.

Barr reminded Hatch they were considering spending some \$4,000,000 on the development even though there is a definite algae problem.

Hatch earlier testified that the division of beaches and parks was considering development of 3620 acres of land around the lake, most of which is privately owned at the present time.

Hatch said snags in the lake, for the most part, would not be removed and the portion of the lake with snags would be zoned for fishing and casual boating. Speedboaters and water skiers would have to use other areas of the lake.

In other development Hatch said the division of beaches and parks plans to develop three areas first over a period of about five or six years, two on the upper reaches of the lake and one on Beaver cove.

In long range development, Hatch spoke of a new county

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road for better access to the lake.

He said the area was scenic, had abundant wildlife, historic value and in general was a good location for a state park.

He listed drawbacks to the area as being the question of the water quality and lack of access.

He said concentrations of algae on the lake are not found to be toxic. "Apparently, the algae is there to stay," he said.

Algae May Be Controlled

He indicated there were ways the algae might be physically controlled.

Barr questioned a statement by Hatch that the division of beaches and parks did not have enough information to base a decision on whether the algae could be controlled. "Do they not believe it would be proper to see if the algae can be controlled before spending \$4,000,000 of public funds?" Barr asked. Hatch said they hoped to have enough information after the hearing.

Barr commented, "We shouldn't have called a hearing until we had the information." He was reminded by W. C. (Bill) Ealy, chairman of the board of supervisors, that Barr himself had called for the meeting and it was being held by his request.

Hatch said the removal of fresh water vegetation that grows along the beaches and shoreline would reduce concentrations of algae and eliminate the smell of rotting vegetation.

A. J. McMurphy, Yreka, asked how much was already spent on the project and was told the studies have cost \$4000 up to the present time.

In response to a question by Jerry Edwards, Hatch said they (Division of beaches and parks) had never seen an algae problem comparable to the one on Copco lake. "It seems to be peculiar to the Klamath basin," he said.

Jim Lambert, president of the Dunsmuir Rod and Gun club read a resolution in opposition to the

proposed park. He said the lake had a putrid odor, unpleasant appearance and the area does not warrant large expenditures of public funds.

Lambert showed three samples of water taken from the river flow into the lake and from different locations in the lake proper. The samples showed the different quality of the water as it progressed further into the lake. Water taken from within the lake proper showed discoloration from the algae.

Joe G. Allen, representing the Siskiyou county farm bureau, said the organization was opposed to the development because it would take private property from the tax roll in the county and would eliminate the area as a water fowl hunting area.

er knew what hit them.

State Park Hearing Tomorrow 10 a.m.

The Siskiyou county board of supervisors will hold a public hearing tomorrow for the purpose of discussing the proposed state park at Copco lake. The hearing will start at 10 a.m. in the supervisor's chambers.

Robert Hatch, division of beaches and parks, DeWitt Nelson, director of the department of natural resources and possibly the legislators from this district will be present at the board's special meeting.

It has been proposed by Sen. Randolph Collier (D-Yreka) the area be made into a state park. He introduced a resolution which permitted the state to make a survey of the area as to suitability of the site for state park development.

Yreka Hearing Will Help State Decide On Park

YREKA, Siskiyou Co. — Robert Hatch, project director of the state division of beaches and parks, reported information and public sentiment disclosed at a hearing here September 14th on the proposed state park at Copco Lake will be used by the division to help it decide on the site as a recreation area.

Hatch said the abundance of algae in Copco Lake is the only block to an unqualified recommendation by his division for development of the lake area.

Not Feasible

"The best scientific information we have indicates it is economically unfeasible to try to control the algae" Hatch said. "The question resolves itself to is it of sufficient distaste to enough people? We know there is nothing toxic or unhealthy in the water. We want to know the reaction of the recreation user to this condition."

Hatch explained the terrain and historical value of the area make the lake particularly desirable for a park. "Siskiyou County is an area we recognize as deficient from the standpoint of state parks," Hatch pointed out. "And this is a quality of landscape we do not have represented in the state park system. We know the recreation use already there will increase as the years go by."

Hatch said he will be able to present no conclusions on the algae condition because the hearing was not scheduled until last week and the study has not been completed. Ralph Leavers, president of the Klamath River Sportsmen's Association, which has led opposition to the park, said his group will have difficulty preparing a case in time for the hearing.

Cites Algae Check

Siskiyou Sportsmen Blast Proposal To Develop State Park At Copco Lake

Bee
9/15/60

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Ralph Leavers, president of the Klamath River Sportsmen Association, showed a container of green water from Copco Lake at a hearing yesterday before the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors to illustrate the high algae content of the water. Bee Photo

evaluated.

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three organized clubs, yesterday said a proposed state park at Copco Lake on the Klamath River would be a waste of money to develop what they called an unattractive, smelly area.

They urged that the division of beaches and parks seek another site in the county for state park development.

Robert Hatch, supervisor of advanced planning for the division, said he was seeking local views at the hearing yesterday called by the county. He said the proposal has many fine qualities with two possibly drawbacks — poor access and a possibly objectionable algae condition.

Iron Gate Dam

He added that construction of Iron Gate Dam near Copco Lake by the California Oregon Power Company has complicated a study of the area and has not yet been evaluated.

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Project Smells

"The survey could be made for \$100 by a man with an open nose and an empty pail," McMurry said. "His report could be one sentence — this project smells."

"Without any consultation with any local group the proposal was presented to Siskiyou County by Senator (Randolph) Collier. He never suggested anywhere else in the county as feasible. I don't like these solo flights," McMurry added.

Collier Speaks

Collier said a further public hearing will be conducted when the study is completed. In defense of the study authorized in senate resolution prepared by him, Collier said the lake water condition is unusually bad because the dry summer has resulted in a small water flow through the lake.

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Algae Study

Barr objected to spending \$4 million for development of the area, including \$1.6 million in road costs, before it is determined if the algae would make the lake unacceptable. Hatch said the project will not be approved until the final report including the algae study is made.

Barr cited Box Canyon near Mt. Shasta as a preferable site and said a dam built there could impound more water than is in Copco Lake.

"Copco Lake looks like a real estate deal," he claimed.

On Porch

Father Hynes said the parish house door bell rang at 2 AM yesterday but no one was in sight. Soon afterward the telephone rang but he thought it was a jokester and did not answer. He found the child when he left for early mass.

Infant Girl Is Found Abandoned On Road

STOCKTON, San Joaquin Co.—UPI—A baby girl, abandoned at the side of US Highway 50 when she was less than four hours old, is reported in good condition in the San Joaquin General Hospital.

The infant was found Tuesday by James Rios of Stockton. He told the police he saw a bundle near the highway and drove on but returned because his curiosity



A make believe holdup in the manner of Black Bart is committed in Calistoga, Napa County, to herald the

Calistoga Takes On Old Style For Brannan Fete

CALISTOGA, Napa Co. — False store fronts and bearded citizens are the fashion here on the eve of Sam Brannan Days.

The three day festival honoring the famed Mormon who founded the city more than 100 years ago will reproduce the pioneer atmosphere of Brannan's day.



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Lake Samples Brought to Public Hearing

W. P. Tormey of Yreka showed a series of color films of algae conditions on Copco lake yesterday and narrated his presentation of opposition to state park developments proposed for the lake.

"Whether they call it the Algae state park or the Collier state park, it's not going to change the smell of the lakes," Tormey said.

Several containers of water taken from the lake were brought into the courtroom during the hearings to determine the feasibility of building a state park on Copco lake. The hearing was prompted by Supervisor W. A. (Art) Barr, who maintains the lake stinks and is unfit for a recreation area.

Tormey asked, "Are we lacking so completely that we have to take a location that is substandard and build it up?"

A. J. McMurry, Yreka, commented, "I think this investigation should cease. It is a waste of money." He added, "The project doesn't warrant the money already spent on the investigation."

Barr commented, "This thing looks more like a big real estate scheme than a park development." He pointed to a large map which indicated most of the land was owned by one individual.

Sen. Randolph Collier (D-Yreka) testified that he did not expect a conclusion until studies of the effect the Iron Gate dam project would have on the situation was complete. He remarked the present hearing is not the official hearing of the division of beaches and parks. They will present their findings when the study is complete.

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SACRAMENTO 14
November 25, 1960

*12/16/60
from Dr. Siskiyou
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Honorable Randolph Collier
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento 14, California

Dear Senator Collier:

Attached is a further report relative to our findings at Copco Reservoir. I agree with the recommendations of the Division of Beaches and Parks and feel that in view of the circumstances and the local feeling relative to Copco Reservoir that we should devote more study to the region before selecting a site for a state park.

If, and when, scientific advances make the control of algae in the Klamath River practical, it may be that Copco and other reservoirs along the river will become outstanding, well-rounded recreation areas of the state. We intend to await the recommendations of the County Board of Supervisors as to park sites and then to investigate each of the sites in the hope that we may establish a unit in Siskiyou County.

We will, of course, be in contact with you and keep you advised if any progress is made in this program.

Sincerely yours,

Dewitt Nelson, Director

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cc: Mr. Charles A. DeTurk

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Inter-Departmental Communication

To: Mr. Dewitt Nelson, Director
Department of Natural Resources
State Office Building #1
Sacramento

From: Division of Beaches and Parks

Date: November 16, 1960

File No.

Subject: Copco Reservoir
Result of Recent Studies

The attached report on the algal conditions at Copco Reservoir would appear to eliminate this particular site from further consideration as a possible State Park.

Recommendations are included in which I concur and hope that further studies will enable us to establish a major park site in this obviously outstanding region of the State.

CHARLES A. DeTURK, Chief

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November 16, 1960

Mr. C. A. DeTurk, Chief

Mr. Hatch, Supervisor of Advance Planning

Copco Reservoir
Examination for Algal Conditions

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Attached you will find an assembly dealing with studies conducted last summer on the algal condition in the water of Copco Reservoir as well as the transcript of the Public Hearing called by the Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County and cooperatively conducted on September 14, 1960. Recommendations are included from the Superintendent's Office of District 1. A reproduced copy of an article in the Record Searchlight of September 28, 1960 is also attached.

The staff report of September 12th is quite enthusiastic over the area as a park prospect, and although the algae was recognized, it appeared that it was not of sufficient detriment to recreational use of the water to warrant abandoning the project. Evidence and testimony presented at the hearing quite clearly indicated that our field personnel enjoyed unusual conditions during the period of their study at the Reservoir site. This was occasioned by an unseasonable frost on about the 23rd of August. It would appear that immediately after this frost, conditions were greatly improved over what might be expected throughout the summer season.

Testimony and evidence presented at the hearing in the form of water samples (some which had been gathered the day of the hearing), color photographs and descriptions were very convincing that in our studies to date we have not encountered the algal condition at anywhere near its height. / ?

A great deal of interest was shown by the residents of the area to have a major park project established in their County, and as the attached newspaper report indicates, the Board of Supervisors has requested the County Planning Commission to submit proposed park sites, which in turn, we may expect to be forwarded to us for investigation. As this area has many outstanding features and as we have no park in the area and because of the water conditions existing on Copco Reservoir, I feel that it would be inadvisable for us to advocate any park site until we are able to take advantage of the County's findings and to devote adequate study to the proposals.

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It is, therefore, my recommendation that in spite of the many outstanding qualities inherent to Copco Reservoir site, that the water and algal conditions are such that no further consideration should be given to the area unless technical advancement indicates some economically feasible way to eliminate the algae, and further that we await the result of the County's survey of park sites and that we cooperatively examine these proposals upon submission by the County.

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Date October 11, 1960

TO Deputy Chief, Operations
FROM Superintendent, District 1
SUBJECT Copco Lake - General Recommendations

It would appear that we are becoming embroiled in a rather nasty political argument in connection with the establishment of a State Park at Copco Lake in Siskiyou County. In addition, it would appear that certain characteristics of this lake seriously diminish its quality for State Park purposes. I am attaching to this memo a recommendation from Assistant Superintendent, Technical Services, James Whitehead. I have reviewed the situation carefully and concur in Mr. Whitehead's recommendations wholeheartedly. It is my opinion that we can well afford to stand clear of this Copco Lake controversy and to seek elsewhere for an outstanding project in the northeastern part of the state.

s/ James P. Tryner

JAMES P. TRYNER
Superintendent
District 1

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October 7, 1960

Superintendent, District 1

Ass't. Supt. Tech. Ser., District 1

Copco Lake Project, Recommendation

In my opinion, no further consideration should be given, at this time, to the Copco Lake area as State Park potential for the following reasons:

1. An algal growth of such intensity (and density) as to, in a decisive degree, reduce the enjoyment level of the area. (Camping, Picknicking, Boating and related water sports.) No known practical solution exists for this problem in the magnitude present at Copco Lake.
2. Local opposition to the project, based on reason #1, political and personal likes and dislikes, is far out of proportion to the values, park-wise, involved. The Division could very well stand aside in this instance, with out loss of great park values at Copco Lake.

These two reasons alone, I feel, are sufficient to remove Copco Lake from further consideration as State Park potential.

s/t JAMES WHITEHEAD
Ass't Supt. Tech. Ser.
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DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCESDate September 12, 1960

TO Supervisor, Advance Planning

FROM Regional Supervisor of Planning & Development

SUBJECT Copco Reservoir

On Monday, August 29, two members of this planning staff, Joseph D. Mills and Ronald W. Cookay, were assigned to spend approximately eight days at subject area studying the area from a recreationist's point of view. It was also assumed they would gather information regarding use of the area through observation and interviews.

Following is a brief resume of their trip. A more detailed report is forthcoming.

On Tuesday, August 30, these two men traveled to Yreka in the company of their two six-year old sons. In Yreka they met Mr. F. L. Lathrop who guided them to the Reservoir. It was decided to make camp in the one small area adjacent to Lennox Cove which has been designated as a public use area. It was assumed this would facilitate public contact.

On the following day, Mr. Lathrop took these two men on a tour in one of his boats. Moderate amounts of algae were noted as being held in suspension throughout the entire Reservoir area. Heavy concentrations were noted in the sheltered coves on the north side and along the shore and in the coves on the south side. Many of these heavier concentrations appeared to be the result of algae becoming collected in beds of floating seaweed. Only in the area of Mr. Lathrop's cabin, and in isolated areas, was any odor evident. At no time, except in those isolated areas cut off from free circulation by downed trees or manmade structures, was there anything about the area found repulsive either visually or olfactorily.

During the period of encampment approximately a dozen groups or families were interviewed. Their activities included camping, picnicking, water skiing and fishing. A few of the people were not familiar with the State Park System but all of them were in favor of State acquisition in this area. The water skiers were the most frequent visitors, beginning early in May and returning as often as weather permitted, oftentimes into October. The fishermen were drawn to the area because of the excellent yellow perch fishing. The fishing is such that it can be enjoyed by children and adults alike and is successful from almost any point. The two six-year old boys did quite well from a log tied to the shore while several younger children, accompanied by their parents, had equal success from a boat tied to a snag 100 yards from shore.

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Picnickers came primarily because it was isolated and for the excellent opportunities to view wildlife. A list of over two dozen different identifiable specimens was made by one member of the group and several others were noted but not identified. None of these activities was bothered by the algae in the Reservoir although the most frequent visitors did admit that a malodorous condition did exist during some parts of the summer.

Weather during this period was generally ideal except for intermittent showers on Saturday, September 3, and fairly strong winds which blew from a northerly direction for about two hours every afternoon. Days were clear and warm and nights cool and clear. The greatest complaint from the visitors concerned the access to and from the area. This, of course, is a point with which all who have visited the area are sympathetic.

Through several brief excursions in the area by boat, in truck, and on foot, the staff members became aware of outstanding potentials for activities other than those already noted. Extensive pine flats make ideal settings for both camping and picnicking. Rock outcroppings and deer trails appeal to the hikers and, in many instances, to the rock-hound. Approximately 15 to 20 miles of shore line has accumulated a treasure of driftwood. If the algae problem is solved, several sandy beaches make swimming and sun bathing potentially two of the most likely activities.

Water supply appears to be no problem. Both sides of the Reservoir are lined with streams and springs, most of which run clear and cold throughout the year.

Aside from the algae, the access, and egress, one real problem does exist in connection with this project. This problem concerns the numerous snags on the up-river half of the Reservoir. Many snags are broken off just below the surface of the water and are a real hazard not only to the water skier, but to the casual boater as well. There were no accidents witnessed and none discussed in any of the interviews, but, nevertheless, the hazard does exist and would need some solution.

From all aspects, the trip was a success and the staff members returned with a great deal of enthusiasm and approval for the area.

A special note of thanks is due Mr. Lathrop. His willingness to aid and accommodate the members of this staff without in any way attempting to bias their opinion was an important factor in the success of this trip.

EMMETT U. BLANCHFIELD
Reg. Supv. of Planning & Development

By s/ Harmon Rowe

HARMON ROWE
Associate Landscape Architect

Board tosses park row to plan board

YREKA — Siskiyou county supervisors tossed the Copco lake state park controversy into the lap of the county planning commission yesterday.

The proposed park has been a political issue since it was suggested last year by Sen. Randolph Collier (D-Yreka). Proponents of the lake park say it is a fine body of water and can be developed into an excellent recreational area.

Opponents say the lake has an offensive smell during hot months because of algae in its water.

The supervisors asked the planning commission to study other likely sites for a state park and come up with some recommendations.

Avery predicted that the Klamath river would become one of the county's finest assets if the algae problem can be whipped. He called for a California-Oregon agreement to end pollution of the stream, which starts in Oregon and flows through Siskiyou county on its way to the ocean.

Supervisor S. C. Jackson said he is opposed to the Copco Lake park proposal but he wants to see the algae problem solved for the benefit of the entire region. "If we kill the park off now they won't study the algae," Jackson argued.

The supervisors were informed by a letter from Lewis Foulke, a member of the

north coast water pollution control board, that research indicates a water flea called Daphnia may eat the algae. The flea is also excellent forage for fish. The supervisors endorsed a letter of encouragement to an Oregon university that is studying the flea and its effect on algae.

Chemical control of algae in Copco lake has been ruled impractical because chemicals also kill fish.

Supervisor W. A. "Art" Barr asked the board to vote its disapproval of the Copco proposal until the algae condition is cleared up. "This thing goes deeper than most of you seem to realize," Barr warned. But his suggestion was ignored.

A. J. McMurry, a Yreka building contractor and chairman of the grand jury's good government committee, warned the supervisors: "Watch this thing closely . . . this thing was very nearly rammed down our throats."

McMurry added ". . . if we don't (watch it) we are apt to read . . . that the state has bought all that land out there."

McMurry said he thinks if the land is bought "nothing much more will happen out there."

Barr predicted the complete park would cost \$5 million. He offered to bet \$100 that the state has already

spent \$40,000 on a study of the lake and preparation and publication of a report.

Avery contended the cost was much lower. "I'll bet you \$100!" he snapped at Barr.

W. C. Ealy, chairman of the board, yelled, "No gambling on this board. I'll call the sheriff."

Barr and Avery subsided.

September 14, 1960

NOTES ON PUBLIC HEARING

COPCO RESERVOIR

SISKIYOU COUNTY COURTHOUSE
YREKA

The hearing was called to order at 10:07 a.m., September 14, 1960, by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, Mr. W. C. Ealy.

The purpose of the hearing was to determine the feasibility of a proposed State Park at Copco Reservoir.

Those present were as follows:

Mr. W. C. Ealy, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Siskiyou County
Mr. Earl F. Ager, Member of the Board of Supervisors, Siskiyou County
Mr. Don S. Avery, " " "
Mr. S. C. Jackson, " " "
Mr. W. A. Barr, " " "
Mr. Robert B. Hatch, Supervisor of Advance Planning, Beaches & Parks
Mr. Jim Lambert, Dunsmuir Rod & Gun Club
Mr. A. O. Smith, "
Mr. Joe Allen, County Farm Bureau
Mr. W. C. Wheeler, McCloud Fish & Game Club & Mt. Shasta Rod & Gun Club
Senator Collier, Author of Senate Resolution 102
Mr. Leavers, Klamath River Sportsmen
Mr. Tormey, "
Mr. Bob Courts, "
Mr. Jerry Edwards, "
Mr. Taylor, "
Mr. James Lisky, "
Mr. Cravelle, "
Mr. Fred Van Vliet, "
Mr. McMurray, "
Mr. Millard Coats, Fish and Game
Mr. Ed Freeman, Interested Citizen
Mr. Fisher
Mr. Louis Foulk

The Chairman asked all present not to let personalities enter into the discussions and to receive recognition from the chair before they speak. He also stated that everyone would be sworn in and their presentations would be taped as well as notes taken in shorthand.

Bob Hatch, Supervisor of Advance Planning, was sworn in to make the presentation for the State. He first read a letter from Mr. DeWitt Nelson, Director of Natural Resources to Mr. Ealy in which he stated he was unable to personally attend the meeting (copy attached). He then showed maps indicating the project, pointing out boundaries proposed--the total acreage

being 3,620 with about 63,800 front feet of water front giving a reasonable geographic unit within the realm of economics. Another map indicated a preliminary study of how the area can be developed--the first phase taking about 5 or 6 years for a total cost of approximately \$908,000. Another area would be developed as soon as public use warranted and funds become available. The lower end of the lake would have more uses--activities such as water skiing and boating--and the upper end would probably be used for fishing and boating. A road will be constructed sometime in the future for good access to the lake. The project is a scenic area, rich in natural values, with abundant wild life, a lot of fishing activity, and historical values; in general, it is good; however, there are two drawbacks--bad access--it is about 35 miles from any major road of travel--this is being improved. It is complicated by the construction of Iron Gate Reservoir, which will probably alter its use and the recreation complex of the region. Also, there is the question of water quality. Analysis indicate there is no reasonable way to eliminate the algae nor to economically control it. If it is poisoned in sufficient quantities to do any good, it would kill the fish and plant life and the cost would be prohibitive. Studies and examinations show there may be ways of controlling it in the lake itself; however, studies are not completed as yet. Mr. Hatch then stated that he hoped the information gathered at this hearing would help complete the studies in order that a decision may be made relative to the project. He also hoped that his resume explained to everyone what the Division sees, how they feel about it, what problems are recognized and what sort of information is wanted. This completed Mr. Hatch's testimony.

Mr. Barr of the Board of Supervisors then stated that questions should be asked of Mr. Hatch before going on to further testimony. He was sworn in and asked if Mr. Hatch had noted a portion of the land planning report where it says that accumulation of reservoirs would greatly increase the organic load and probably result in the destruction of fish life in the stream.

Mr. Hatch said this was a possibility--that it was something for which there seems to be no scientific backing as to whether it will or won't. There is insufficient information relative to it. If the algae should be controlled, the entire habitat would be upset because it originates in the Klamath Lake area and a program to eliminate it would have to take in a great deal of drainage control and would affect its worth through the whole region and probably even alter it. Whether improvement of water quality would be worth all this is a pretty big problem. It was mentioned in the report in order not to overlook anything.

Mr. Barr asked if it might not be possible to dispose of this project. He said that a cost of \$4 million is contemplated here and it should be determined whether the obnoxious portion of the water can be eliminated.

Mr. Hatch said if it would affect or eliminate fish life and water quality should go to the point of not being useable, there would be a limiting effect on the attraction of the project, however, there are many factors and features that would still remain and make it a reasonable project as far as the general public is concerned.

Mr. Barr said Mr. Hatch had not answered the question. He said the proper thing to do is to find if algae can be disposed of before spending \$4 million.

Mr. Hatch said that was one of the things they were trying to determine at the present time. He said that every source of knowledge was being tapped to solve these problems but studies were still not complete.

Mr. Barr said that on the 29th of August, he called Mr. DeWitt Nelson after talking to Mr. Ealy and proposed a date of September 14 saying any date would suit them. Mr. Nelson said he would clear the date with Mr. Hatch which he did. He said they, therefore, had every right to expect that a determination would be made at this meeting.

Mr. Hatch said a determination would be made as soon as the material could be evaluated and after this hearing.

Mr. Jackson asked how many acres there were in Copco Lake.

Mr. Barr said 1,000 acres.

Mr. Jackson asked what the storage capacity was in acre feet.

Mr. Barr answered 77,000 acre feet surface for 1,000 acres.

Mr. Cravelle asked how it was physically intended to eliminate algae.

Mr. Hatch stated that in studying the lake in various places, it was noted that some areas are clear of algae at all times. Other areas contain seaweed which tends to trap algae. Then wind action or water fluctuation causes it to break free and wash on shore. This would be cleaned up as soon as it hits the beach, and the seaweed would be removed in areas prepared for swimming. Through a good maintenance program and by preparing areas that would have been selected because of lack of algae, it would be possible to make them useable.

Mr. Cravelle asked how it could be dragged out of places where it has always been.

Mr. Hatch said that it wouldn't be eliminated, just reduced.

Mr. Cravelle asked if you could swim in it.

Mr. Hatch said this would be an individual reaction. There are some areas that no one would want to go into. This becomes a personal matter and that makes it hard to evaluate. He said in some places, it may be practical to put in a dirt-fill dike to make a pool that could be treated for straight swimming.

Mr. McMurray asked what the expenditure was to date in rough figures in the planning of this project.

Mr. Hatch said that at the present time, about \$4,000 has gone into investigation.

Mr. Tormey stated that the algae was being studied this season. He asked when the workers arrived to study the algae.

Mr. Hatch said a crew was in the Monday before Labor Day and they stayed over Labor Day.

Mr. Tormey asked if they were studying this in earnest, why didn't they study it in the peak algae season instead of after the frost, which was, on about the 23d of the month. He said the study wasn't started until the algae season was over.

Mr. Hatch said that the best information available was that it reached its peak the beginning of September or the end of August.

Mr. Tormey asked what the source of that information was.

Mr. Hatch replied Fish and Game and others who have studied the area and make the planning reports.

Mr. Tormey said that it peaked on August 7th.

Mr. Hatch asked if it does that every year.

Mr. Tormey said yes.

Mr. Barr said that Mr. Hatch must have known the bad part of the season for algae was over because everyone else knew it. He said that Mr. Bruno wrote that that information was available.

Mr. Hatch said that he knew cold weather dispersed algae but had no way of anticipating frost this early in the season.

Mr. Barr said and your hopes are chained on this study.

Mr. Hatch stated that he would have preferred to have had a man in for all summer.

Mr. Barr asked if he didn't think he should have waited until next summer to study the algae since nature cannot be depended upon. He said there were 87 boats on Medicine Lake on the 4th of July and only 1 on Copco and asked if money should be spent on this.

Mr. Hatch stated that one problem we don't have in the State Park System is an abundance of visitors. At most parks, people are turned away.

Mr. Foster asked where the public land was and how much there is at the present time.

Mr. Hatch said it was at Lennox Cove and there is perhaps 200 feet of land that fronts on the lake.

Mr. Barr discussed the ownership question and pointed it out on the map.

Mr. Leavers stated that they were well aware of the fact that frost eliminates the algae condition and that the Beaches and Parks Study was started after the frost. He asked if Mr. Hatch would state that the condition of the water is better now than it would have been prior to the frost.

Mr. Hatch said yes, he assumed so.

Mr. Coots said that he noticed that Fish and Game had been mentioned and his purpose was to present factual data that may be necessary such as fisheries, algae or other observations made by Department personnel and that he would be glad to present such information.

Mr. Edwards asked if in Beaches and Parks system in the State of California, there was any other lake that could be compared to Copco with regard to algae.

Mr. Hatch said they hadn't encountered it--it seems to be a phenomenon peculiar to the Klamath River. lie

Mr. Fisher asked why this spot was picked instead of one of the other 15 or 20 spots in Siskiyou County which would be better suited to a State park.

Mr. Hatch said the investigation was the result of a Senate resolution presented by Senator Collier.

Someone asked what the 15 or 20 other spots were.

Mr. Fisher said there were two or three on the McCloud River, Antelope Creek, Butte Creek and even on the Sacramento River--places that seemed ideal for a park and that was why he wondered why this particular area was chosen.

The Chairman then asked if anyone had any more questions of Mr. Hatch. Since there were none, the next presentation was made by Mr. Smith and Mr. Lambert, representing the Dunsmuir Rod and Gun Club. They were sworn in and then Mr. Lambert stated that they had a written resolution opposing the creation of a part on Copco and outlining their reasons. He then read the resolution, a copy of which is attached.

Mr. Smith corroborated Mr. Lambert's testimony and then Mr. Lambert went on to say that the day they went up to the lake, they collected three small samples of water--one where the Klamath River goes into the lake, one at the bridge and one at the cove--and he showed the samples.

Mr. Hatch asked when their trip was made.

Mr. Lambert said he believed it was a Sunday.

Mr. Smith said it was the Labor Day weekend on a Sunday (the 4th).

The Chairman then asked if anyone had any more questions to ask Mr. Lambert or Mr. Smith and since no one did, Mr. Joe Allen, representing the County Farm Bureau, was sworn in and made his presentation. Mr. Allen read a letter addressed to the Board of Supervisors and Beaches and Parks from Siskiyou County Farm Bureau opposing the proposed park on Copco. He went on to say that they were not opposed to State parks but feel that there are other areas in the County, as earlier stated by Mr. Fisher, that are more suitable and don't have the drawbacks that Copco does.

Mr. Hatch asked if this group contemplated in discussions or came to any conclusions about the effects of the Iron Gate Reservoir insofar as water fowl or anything like that.

Mr. Allen said no.

Since there were no further questions, the Chairman called on Mr. Wheeler, representing the McCloud Fish and Game Club and the Mt. Shasta Rod and Gun Club. Mr. Wheeler was sworn in and said the McCloud Fish and Game Club would send in an official letter opposing the park, if necessary. He then read a letter from the Mt. Shasta Rod and Gun Club and stated that both clubs are opposed to the forming of a State park on Copco. He stated that in July, 1956, Fish and Game said there was good fishing for yellow perch in Copco, so since he wanted to try it out, he went up there about 9 a.m. one day and thought that "someone had taken the lid off a cesspool". He couldn't stand it, so he went home. In the previous year, he had gone up several times in the fall and shot a few birds. Also some of the boys mentioned during their meeting that over the years they had gone mountain quail shooting and deer hunting in that area. If a State park should go through, it would preclude hunting in that area. He stated he tried fishing in 1955 and 1956 but didn't catch any fish. He concluded by saying that both clubs oppose it.

At 11:10, a 5 minute recess was called for the purpose of changing tapes.

The meeting was resumed at 11:15 and Senator Collier was sworn in to make his statement. He stated that he was the author of Senate Resolution #102, and had asked that a study be made to determine the feasibility of a State park at Copco, and until a full and complete study was made, no one would know whether it was feasible or not. He stated the preliminary report was favorable with the exception of the algae situation and the study on this had not been completed as yet. A later session was expected, but due to

frost, the season came earlier; therefore, no conclusions have been reached nor will they be until Iron Gate Dam is concluded as it will have a profound effect on the whole area. He stated that he had not expressed a personal opinion before as he had been waiting for the opinion of experts in this field. He then went to the map and pointed out to the Board the relationship of Iron Gate to Copco and went on to say that this meeting was not a Department meeting and a hearing would be held when the report is complete. He stated that any studies made to see whether a recreation area can be made in Siskiyou County would benefit the County and attract people to it. He had talked to Mr. Hatch as to the utilization of Copco so that hunters, boaters, skiers, etc., could live on this property, and that Beaches and Parks would have to decide on a Statewide policy as to whether they can have State parks where hunting can be had at certain times of the year or whether they could not. Senator Collier stated he thought Copco could be used in the summer by tourists and in the winter by hunters. He stated that this has been an unusual summer and studies cannot be based on the unusual. He noted that in the report it was stated that sanitation would be provided and a regular maintenance program followed. He mentioned one of the ways of controlling the algae may be to have fingers set up where copper sulphate could be used, and he was sure that the Division could come up with some way to make this park useable to the people. He stated that as to taxation, he agreed with the Farm Bureau and that if 130,000 people visited the park, spending \$10 a day each, it would mean \$1,300,000 a day which would offset any loss on the tax rolls of the County on taxes in the future, and that it would be a continuing revenue. He said he thought the project could be developed with Los Angeles Tideland Oil money and it would be of great benefit to all the people of California. He also stated that a park would bring other benefits to that area, such as better roads, better electrical facilities and better telephone service, which they sorely need. He said he hoped that when the report is completed, it will take care of all the people. He then read a letter from a Mr. Charles Turre, Jr., which stated that he had a cabin on Copco and after cleaning up the area of logs and debris, most of the algae disappeared and the water was left clear. (A copy of this letter is attached.)

Someone asked if there was a law or if it would require legislation to allow hunting at Copco.

Senator Collier said no, he believed it was a policy that the Division has to arrive at as to all State parks but he couldn't see why a policy could not be devised where you could have hunting in one park but not in another. He then asked Mr. Hatch if it was a State law.

Mr. Hatch said no, that the Commission recommends policy to the Director of Natural Resources.

Someone asked whether Senator Collier had asked Beaches and Parks about other possibilities in Siskiyou County.

Senator Collier said no, he did not--he asked for this one. He said when this one was completed, he would at the coming session ask to see if there are other places more suitable.

Mr. Leavers stated that in an article he read in the Sacramento Bee, it said that Senator Collier had not been on Copco for a number of years prior to this.

Senator Collier said that was right, but he was over there the other day.

Mr. Barr said the report from Beaches and Parks states there are obnoxious conditions and it doesn't seem to be good policy to say that we are going to have a park if the water cannot be cleared of algae. He said that Mr. Woodall of Fish and Game telephoned him at 11:35 a.m. on September 13th and said it would be impossible to treat the Copco Lake for algae as the expense would be prohibitive; therefore, should \$4 million be spent and then find that people won't patronize it. He said if the algae could be gotten rid of, he would be for it, but it cannot be cured.

Senator Collier said that no one in Beaches and Parks has made any statement as to the algae condition on the lake. They say it is prevalent, they are studying it, and they will give us a report on it. They may come in with an advanced report and say we cannot make a park there. If anyone has any studies as to a good place to make a park, we will help them.

Someone stated they would like a commitment that this determination would be made before the money was spent.

Senator Collier said it would take about 5 years to take it through the Legislature and the report would have to be feasible.

Mr. McMurray asked if funds could be used for other sites under this Legislation.

Senator Collier said no, but if anyone could tell him a good place, he would put in a resolution.

Mr. McMurray asked if he would take a group to study the situation and back them.

Senator Collier said he would be glad to back any group and have them prepare a study and take their advice in the matter, but it would have to be by experts, not laymen's advice.

Mr. Leavers said that at the time Senator Collier presented this proposal before the Chamber of Commerce, the quality of the water was questioned and they were criticized for it. He said if the water quality had not been questioned, the project would be underway.

Senator Collier said that what he said was that someone had remarked he was making money out of that and that was what was criticized.

At this point, Senator Collier had another appointment in Sacramento and left the meeting, so Mr. Barr made his presentation. He stated that he was not opposed to Copco as a State Park if it could be shown that it could be made

into a place that people can enjoy. He said he waited all summer for Beaches and Parks to come out and they did not. After the cold weather, he went out there himself and there was no odor, but after a few hot days, there was an obnoxious odor again. He said it is estimated that only two roads will cost \$1,600,000. Information from the California-Oregon Power Company said they have no way of ridding the lake of algae; Fish and Game makes no effort to control algae in big bodies of water. He then read figures as to tolerance of various kinds of fish to copper sulphate and showed a jar of water taken out of the river above the lake and one taken at what is claimed to be one of the best campground sites. He again stated that if a cure could be found for the algae, he would not oppose it, but it has been said that it cannot be cured. He said we know that Copco has many good features but should we spend \$4 million for a park that will not be used by the people.

Mr. Avery stated that the hearing was a waste of time. He could not see where we were getting anywhere as the report is not complete and recommendations are not complete.

Chairman Ealy said he didn't think it was a waste of time and that we should hear from the Klamath River Sportsmen since they had prepared a presentation.

Mr. Billikan said he thought a complete record should be made of the hearing as "if we do not get on the ball, we will have a dead horse on our hands." So he thought we should go into the rest of it.

Chairman Ealy stated that a complete record was being made.

The Klamath River Sportsmen asked that their testimony wait until after lunch as there was a certain continuity to it. So Chairman Ealy called a recess for lunch, saying that the hearing would reconvene at 1 p.m.

Mr. Barr stated that the fact they were not prepared rests on Beaches and Parks as a commitment was made to have a meeting today, and they should have been ready to do business.

Chairman Ealy said he had called the meeting at the request of Mr. Barr, and after a few more minor exchanges, adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:12 p.m. and was turned over to Ralph Leavers of the Klamath River Sportsmen. Messrs. Leavers, Tormey, Courts, Edwards, Taylor, Lisky, Cravelle, Van Vliet, Fresman, Coots, and McMurray were all sworn in at one time. Mr. Leavers stated that the Klamath River Sportsmen were in favor of establishing a park in Siskiyou County, however, they do not feel Copco is the place for it. They think a group should be appointed to study sites in the County and make recommendations to the Board of their findings.

Mr. Leavers asked Mr. Van Vliet if he had spent much time around the lake and to describe conditions up there.

Mr. Van Vliet stated he was up there on August 14 about 11 o'clock and couldn't get his breath anywhere, so he gave up and left. He went back last Sunday, and it was just as bad. He said he had been going up there two or three times a month fishing since the war, and it's getting worse all the time.

Mr. Leavers asked Mr. Edwards if he had hunted and fished in Copco.

Mr. Edwards stated that he started in recreation in Siskiyou County in 1950 and has been in the County that long. He has helped develop recreational programs and probably drives more in Siskiyou County than anyone in the room, as he drives up to four or five thousand miles a month. He said he thinks he knows where the recreation spots are and by talking to a lot of people, knows what they want. He has been up to Copco a number of times and this past month drove up every day for 12 days. He said you would be surprised how green the river looks from day to day; that he went up for a vacation and could not find a place where he could scoop up water to boil for coffee. He had contacted jungle fungus during the war and has had it several times since. He hadn't had it for over a year, but after water skiing up there, contacted it immediately and the doctor said it was caused by the water. He said he believes there are other spots in Siskiyou County that could be developed for a State park.

Mr. Barr asked Mr. Edwards if he had ever been to Box Canyon.

Mr. Edwards said yes, he was familiar with the Box Canyon project. That was one of the projects brought up in the recreation study.

Mr. Barr asked if he knew that a dam could be built in the mouth of Box Canyon that would hold more acre feet of water and have a greater surface than Copco.

Mr. Edwards said he didn't realize they had that much surface water.

Mr. Barr said that was a fact. He then stated figures for Copco and figures for Box Canyon.

Mr. Leavers asked Mr. Taylor if he had spent a good deal of time in the lake area.

Mr. Taylor said he was up there in 1953 and 1954 and camped for months at a time. In cooler weather, the algae content diminishes to a certain portion and in the hot weather, it increases. They were camped near a fresh water stream where it was very clean but could even smell the water there. They would fish for perch but after catching them and pulling them through the algae, could not eat them. It was too distasteful to them. The children complained about the odor so they didn't stay around.

Mr. Leavers asked if he caught many trout.

Mr. Taylor said he failed to catch any except below Copco. The children liked to wade but they could not do it because of the odor. They did not like the feel of the algae under their feet and when they came out, it was almost impossible to get rid of the odor from their feet.

Mr. Leavers asked if in his opinion this would be a desirable site for a State park and whether it would attract tourists.

Mr. Taylor said that due to the lack of shade around the lake and the rattlers, he didn't see anything attractive about it. He thought green foliage around the perimeter of the lake would be needed to make it an attractive site.

Mr. Leavers asked Mr. Tormey if he had a presentation to make.

Mr. Tormey stated that he is a land owner, sportsman, and merchant, and to him his idea of a park is a showplace. He said he has visited many State parks in this State and others and they all have something outstanding to offer. Copco is not outstanding in anything at all. He could think of hundreds of places in Siskiyou County that he is proud of and would send visitors to see, but would not do that with Copco. He said that anything can be made attractive as Disney has proven and asked if that was what we were trying to do. He asked why the area of Copco was pinpointed when the individual who pinpointed it admitted in an article that he had not been there in years. He then proceeded to show slides taken at various points in the lake and pointed out the algae growth. He concluded by saying that if that is the best place in Siskiyou County, he would go along with it.

Mr. Leavers then called on Bob Court to make a statement.

Mr. Court said that the first thing to establish is that they are not mad at Mr. Hatch. Beaches and Parks has only taken a feasibility survey. He said that everyone who has talked here today, with the exception of Senator Collier, has been opposed to Copco as a State park mainly because of the algae. They had taken a sample of water at Beaver's Point this morning and have it in a cannister. He said that Senator Collier had stated maintenance would remove algae and maybe there would be duck hunting in the fall. Mr. Court said he challenged those two statements because if Copco had hunting, every other State park in the State that had a stream would want hunting and if one park could get it, so could another, so he doubted that statement. He said he feels they must have a better site than this.

Mr. Barr stated he had thought of having everyone go out and see the site but since everyone had the same opinion, he would not now suggest it.

Mr. Leavers asked Mr. Lisky what he thought of this as a State park possibility.

Mr. Lisky said he did not think it would make a good State park. He has lived on the river all his life and has moved three times, and the only thing he could say is the further down the river he moves, the worse it smells.

Mr. Leavers asked if in his lifetime on the river there has ever been a time when he was thirsty enough to drink from the river.

Mr. Lisky said no. His neighbor took a drink from it and was hospitalized for quite some time.

Mr. Leavers then stated he had a witness who visited the County, Mr. Ernest D. Freeman from Vallejo. He asked Mr. Freeman what he thought of the lake as a possibility for a State park.

Mr. Freeman said he was born in Siskiyou County and raised in the Bay area. He came up last Friday night and on Sunday went to Copco to go boating and skiing. After getting up there and taking a look at the water, he decided he wanted no part of it as it was too filthy for him. He said he'd stick to what they have in the Bay area because they have something good down there. He then went on to discuss parks in the Bay area.

Mr. Leavers then called on Mr. Coots of Fish and Game and asked him first to state what his duties were.

Mr. Coots said he was Fisheries Manager II. His work concerned water projects and pollution. Prior to that, he was in Yreka from 1948 to 1958 and was working for the most part on the Klamath River. He said he did make quite a few investigations of Copco.

Mr. Leavers asked if he would then say he had an intimate knowledge of Copco.

Mr. Coots said yes and no. During his series of investigations, he always came up with something new.

Mr. Leavers said that the Division of Beaches and Parks and Senator Collier said the Department of Fish and Game was consulted about algae. He asked Mr. Coots if he was personally contacted regarding the study.

Mr. Coots said that two representatives of Beaches and Parks consulted him in Redding the early part of this year. They asked a few questions and discussed algae in the lake but nothing definite. He understood they were going to make some sort of an investigation of algae in the lake.

Mr. Leavers asked if with his knowledge of the lake he would have recommended that they make a study when they did or if he would have recommended it earlier.

Mr. Coots said he didn't know. He then asked Mr. Hatch if he had received a copy of studies he had made of Copco.

Mr. Hatch said yes.

Mr. Coots said that work was on a monthly basis right through July of 1958. Studies were made of Copco #1 Dam and the data compiled of temperatures at different levels.

Mr. Leavers asked if there had been any fish plant in the lake.

Mr. Coots said yes.

Mr. Leavers asked how many and what variety.

Mr. Coots said that in 1952, a plant of salmon was made and another plant later, coming to over 200,000 fish.

Mr. Leavers asked what the results were.

Mr. Coots said they had been unable to recover any results of any adults discovered in Copco.

Mr. Leavers asked what fish are in the lake.

Mr. Coots said many species--yellow perch being the most common and abundant.

Mr. Leavers said it was stated in the report put out by Beaches and Parks that it is a very good rainbow trout fishery. He asked Mr. Coots what success he thought a visitor would have in the lake during the summer months.

Mr. Coots asked what months.

Mr. Leavers said during say, June, July and August.

Mr. Coots said he had personally caught trout in the Klamath River above the bridge during the summer months but never any below the bridge. He said it was not a very suitable environment for trout during that season, and he doubted if angling success would prevail.

Mr. Torney asked a question concerning algae.

Mr. Coots said he noticed the first algae started in March and continued heavily throughout the summer. With the cooler weather, it dissipates and there's not enough dissolved oxygen for fish to survive.

Mr. Barr said doesn't it follow that the algae dissipates about the time the recreationists do.

Mr. Coots said it appears to be so.

Mr. Barr said if the algae keeps people away in the summer and the weather in the winter, what kind of a park would it be.

Mr. Coots said that Copco does have a large supply of trout in the winter but they seem to go somewhere else in summer. The lake is open to year round angling.

Mr. Leavers then called on Mr. McMurray.

Mr. McMurray said he is the chairman of the Lumber Industries Committee but speaks as a private individual and not as a group. To his knowledge, without consultation with anyone, the proposal to install a State park was presented to Siskiyou County by Senator Collier, the resolution passed in the Senate and funds were provided for a study. He questioned whether the proposed park had validity enough to even spend the money for a study. He said they had not been asked if there was any other place where a park could be made other than Copco. They have been told \$4,000 has already been spent and he thought if they had accurate figures, it would be even more. He believed the investigation could have been made in one statement, "This project smells." He said his proposal is that this investigation should be ceased. He thinks it is a waste of money. He thought this Board should appoint a citizen's committee to investigate all the potential sites and then make a recommendation and funds be spent to investigate the possibilities of what would make a good park. He said they are not against a State park in Siskiyou County, they want a State park, but if they have a park such as was shown in the pictures today, it would not bring anyone to it and they would not make any revenue.

Mr. Leavers then stated that they had heard from citizens who have seen what conditions are like in the area and have pointed out what these conditions were. He then presented a bottle of water containing algae which he had taken from the lake and read several paragraphs from various reports on Copco. He said if there was a future hearing, he would like to present additional material, if necessary. He went on to say that he thought they would have only one State park in Siskiyou County and he thought it should be made the best possible.

Mr. Barr said he would like to comment on the proposed meeting. He said he thought it should be called by the proper party and not by the Board of Supervisors and that he thought the Department should call it.

Mr. Louis Foulk was then sworn in. He stated he was a private citizen and a member of the Water Pollution Control Board and he wanted to corroborate Mr. McMurray's statement as he agreed with it 100%. He also confirmed what Mr. Tormey said about algae. About the suitability of Copco as a recreation area, he thought it should be held in abeyance until some solution could be found for the algae problem. That from what he knew of Copco, he thought it would be very foolish to spend money on that project.

Mr. Avery then stated he thought everything had been pretty well covered and suggested that the hearing be brought to an end.

Chairman Ealy asked if anyone had anything to add that had not already been brought out.

Mr. Barr said the matter of ownership had been brought up today and this looked to him more like the promotion of a real estate scheme than a State park.

Mr. Leavers said he would like to ask Mr. Torney, who owns some of this land, why he has appeared here in opposition to this.

Mr. Torney said he had 1200 acres and the lake goes into it 26 ⁷acres. He said he was told 400 acres would be taken from his land which would cut him off from all access to that land. His attorneys say the State will buy his entire 1200 acres if they want it and he'd be crazy not to sell it. He said he was raised to fight against something that wasn't right and his objection is that it's not a representative part of Siskiyou County. No matter how it's fixed up and what it's named, it won't change the odor of the lake. He feels it is a complete misuse of public funds and can't see any reason why Copco was singled out in Siskiyou County only after it passed into private hands.

Then Mr. Coots quoted some figures and Mr. Torney made another dissertation.

The Chairman then complimented the Klamath River Group and everyone that participated in the discussions and stated if there was nothing further to add, he would entertain a motion for adjournment.

Mr. Avery moved that the meeting be adjourned, it was seconded by Mr. Ager, and the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
SACRAMENTO 14

September 13, 1960

Honorable W. C. Ealy, Chairman
County Board of Supervisors
County of Siskiyou
Yreka, California

Dear Mr. Ealy:

I regret that I am unable to attend this hearing personally. I do wish to express my appreciation to you and the members of the board for your cooperative spirit in making this public hearing a common effort.

At the present time, as it is indicated in the report forwarded to the Legislature during the last session, the staff reached no conclusions as to the overall merit of Copco Reservoir for recreation. It is obvious that the area has many outstanding features. It is our desire to gather information at this hearing which will enable us to further analyze and objectively judge all the conditions and ramifications which may be connected to this suggested project.

We are also extremely interested in the local views towards a proposal in this portion of the state. We are interested in establishing a project in your county as currently no units of the State Park System exists here. We also wish to have all of our park units as outstanding as possible both in scenic terrain, in natural history, in historic value, and in suitability for appropriate recreation use by the public.

It is our hope that the information which will be gathered today will be of material help to both you and us in making further recommendations to the Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

s/ DeWitt Nelson

DeWitt Nelson, Director

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS a feasibility study of Copco Reservoir is being made under the authorization of Senate Resolution No. 102 to determine rather the area is a suitable sight for a State Park, and

WHEREAS our own personal inspection of the Copco Reservoir has revealed that the area has many objectable conditions prevailing for a good State Park sight, and

WHEREAS the area around Copco Reservoir has little or no scenic value, and

WHEREAS there was a putrid odor drifting with the prevailing breeze during our survey at the upper part of the reservoir near the old bridge, and

WHEREAS it was relatively cool the day we made our inspection of Copco Reservoir and freezing temperature had prevailed in the upper watersheds of the Klamath River cooling the water temperature, and therefore it is quite possible the stench would be more obnoxious during periods of warm weather, and

WHEREAS the water seemed to be murky and heavy concentrations of algae was present in the sheltered coves and in areas where the wind had the water in a choppy condition the algae was churned up in the water and made it very unpleasing to the eye, and

WHEREAS the Copco Reservoir area would require a large scale road building program to make the area accessible to the public, and

WHEREAS we do not feel the area warrants the expenditure of the large amount of public funds that would be required to make the area into a State Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dunsmuir Rod and Gun Club Inc. in a regular meeting this 4th day of September, 1960, that we wish to go on record as OPPOSING the above-described Copco Reservoir as a State Park sight.

s/ James Lambert President
President, Dunsmuir Rod & Gun Club Inc.

s/ Paul Carter, Jr. Secretary
Secretary, Dunsmuir Rod & Gun Club Inc.

cc: Pauline L. Davis
W. A. Barr
Randolph Collier
Division of Beaches & Parks

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MOUNT SHASTA ROD AND GUN CLUB
In the Heart of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland
Mount Shasta, California

September 13, 1960

Be it known to all concerned that Mr. C. A. Wheeler of Mt. Shasta has been authorized to represent the Mt. Shasta Rod and Gun Club at the Siskiyou County Supervisors meeting Wednesday September 14, 1960 in relationship to the building of a State park at Copco Lake.

The club is hereby going on record as being opposed to the building of a State park at Copco Lake due to the fact of the presence of a terrible smelling algae that is present in the summer months when the proposed park would be the most heavily visited by tourists. The club also has several small reasons of which Mr. Wheeler has been briefed.

President

s/ Grant Hurlbert

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Sept 14, 1960
Rachael N. Cordes, Clerk

By s/ C. Phillips
Deputy

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September 14, 1960

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
of Siskiyou County

and to

DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS
of the State of California

Gentlemen:

By action taken by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Siskiyou County
Farm Bureau, we are opposed to the proposed State Park around
Copco Lake.

Following reasons are given for this stand:

1st: The BOARD is opposed to taking private land off the tax
roll particularly while there are better sites for State Parks
within our county that are already publicly owned.

2nd: The growth of Algae and its deterioration in the lake is
not conducive to park use during the summer season.

3rd: The hunting of migratory water fowl would have to be dis-
continued and this lake is one of the few places in the county
that is left open for public hunting.

Respectfully submitted.

s/ Joe Allen

Joe Allen, President
SISKIYOU COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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Sep 14, 1960
Rachael N. Cordes, Clerk

By s/ C. Phillips
Deputy

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My name is Charles J. Turre' and I live at 939 South Main Street,
Yreka, California.

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We had a lease with the California Oregon Power Company for approximately 1000 foot lake frontage on Copco Lake. We built a cabin, landing dock and had a nice picnic area. The years which we used this property were from 1936 to 1956. Mr. Lathrop purchased all the land surrounding the lake which included our cabin, therefore, we were asked to vacate the property. Our cabin was located about two miles up the lake from Lennox Cove and three-fourths miles east of the old Chase Bridge.

In the summer months when it was extremely hot, there was quite an amount of algae that floated around. It came up from the bottom of the lake. We cleaned out all of the debris which consisted of logs and stumps in front of our cabin. The logs and stumps were left there when the dam was constructed. After the area in front of our place was cleaned out, we were never bothered with algae again. There was a slight curvature in the strip directly in front of our place and a clean, clear current flowed through. The shore line was shallow and graduated to a depth of sixteen deep. We fished from our boat all around this area.

I believe all the algae could be removed from the lake by clearing the logs and stumps from the bottom. In the past two years, I have noticed that the water coming into the Klamath River appears to be much clearer.

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Our family and friends have spent many pleasant hours swimming,
fishing and picnicing on Copco Lake.

SIGNED Charles J. Turre, Jr.

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Sept 14, 1960
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By s/ C. Phillips
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Mr. Woodall of the Fish and Game Department telephoned Supervisor W. A. Barr at 11:35 A.M. on September 13, 1960 and said it would be impossible to treat the Copco Lake for algae--the expense would be prohibitive.

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RAY D. HENDERSON, Vice-President
February 16, 1961

F. L. and G. C. Lathrop
425 Yama Street
Yreka, California

Gentlemen:

Please advise if you would consider selling the attached property through a real estate firm. I believe we have an interested client.

If so, I would appreciate your forwarding all necessary information regarding property.

Yours very truly,

MacBRIDE REALTY COMPANY

Ray D. Henderson
Vice President

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February 18, 1961

Mr. Ray D. Henderson,
Vice President
MacBRIDE REALTY CO.
801 - 9th Street
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Henderson:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the
16th and to advise you that I will look you up when I am
in Sacramento, February 28th.

Thank you for the inquiry.

Very truly yours,

F. L. Lathrop

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*upst 8:15 am 3/1/61
at Senator Hotel*

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A SERVICE OF	
MAC BRIDE REALTY COMPANY	
809 9TH STREET	
SACRAMENTO 14,	
CALIFORNIA	

MacBRIDE REALTY INFORMOGRAM

Ray D. Henderson, Vice President

A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	
FOR INVESTORS, TRADERS, AND SPECULATORS IN	
COMMERCE	
INDUSTRY	
AGRICULTURE	

OFFICE PHONE	FILE	MORE INFO.	A SERVICE OF YOUR AGENT	HOME PHONE
Hickory 6-7751			RAY D. HENDERSON	GL. 2-7560

MARCH 3, 1961

MR. LATHROP,

WEATHER PERMITTING, I WILL BE FLYING UP TO SEE
YOU SUNDAY MORNING EARLY. I WILL CALL SATURDAY
NIGHT TO CONFIRM AFTER GETTING PROJECTED WEATHER
REPORTS FROM AIRPORT FOR THE COMING DAY.

HOPE THIS WILL NOT DISRUPT ANY PLANS YOU MAY HAVE.

MAYBE, I COULD MEET YOU AT THE MONTAGUE AIRPORT.

RAY D. HENDERSON
VICE PRESIDENT

MACBRIDE REALTY CO.

F. L. LATHROP
425 YAMA STREET
YREKA, CALIFORNIA



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Industrial-Commercial-Ranch Properties Division

The Moss Building
801 9th Street, Sacramento, Calif.
Phone HI 6-7751

RAY D. HENDERSON, Vice-President

March 6, 1961

Mr. F. L. Lathrop
425 Yama Street
Yreka, California

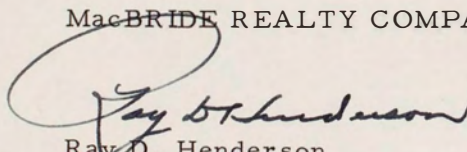
Dear Mr. Lathrop:

Attempted to reach you by phone Saturday night; however, no one answered. Weather reports indicated that we would not have flying weather and they were right as it turned out.

I want to inspect your 2,300 acres at an early date and will arrange to come up this week if at all possible. I will call before coming up.

Yours very truly,

MacBRIDE REALTY COMPANY


Ray D. Henderson
Vice President

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MARCH 13, 1961

MR. F. L. LATHROP
425 YAMA STREET
YREKA, CALIFORNIA

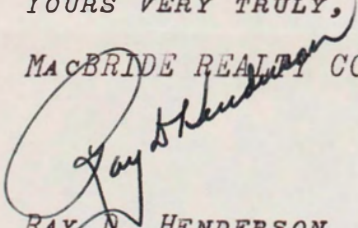
DEAR MR. LATHROP:

WE TRIED UN-SUCCESSFULLY TO FLY IN SUNDAY; HOWEVER, SNOW AND RAIN PREVENTED OUR GETTING OVER MOUNTAIN BEHIND SHASTA LAKE.

I WILL KEEP POSTED ON WEATHER AND THE FIRST DAY A HIGH PRESSURE AREA DEVELOPS IN YOUR VICINITY, I WILL COME UP. I WILL CALL AHEAD OF TIME, HOWEVER.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

MACBRIDE REALTY COMPANY


RAY D. HENDERSON
VICE PRESIDENT

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Sacramento

March 22, 1961

Received from RAY D. HENDERSON and/or his Assignees, the buyer,
the sum of One Thousand and no/100ths--(\$1,000.00)----- dollars,
as a deposit on and part payment for the following described property, situated in the city of _____
County of Siskiyou, State of California, to-wit:

For the total purchase price of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand and no/100ths--(\$230,000.00)----- dollars,
the balance of said purchase price to be paid within See Below days from date hereof, as follows, to-wit:

✓ \$ 49,000.00 on or before May 22nd (See Item (1) Reverse Side.)
\$ 180,000.00 Represented by note and First Trust Deed to be
held by Seller. Note payable in ten (10) equal
annual payments of \$18,000.00 each plus 5% (five
percent) interest. Interest payable annually.
First principal payment due one year after first
acreage release but no later than two years
after Close of Escrow.

AND IT IS HEREBY AGREED: First-That in the event said buyer shall fail to pay the balance of said purchase price or complete said purchase as herein provided, the amounts paid hereon shall, at the option of the seller, be retained as consideration for the execution of this agreement.

Second-That the deposit and all other payments called for herein, if made with other than lawful money of the United States of America, may be converted into cash immediately, unless otherwise provided for herein, and held subject to the terms of this Deposit Receipt.

Third-That the evidence of title is to be in the form of Title Insurance issued by North American Title Insurance Co. and paid for by Seller

and title is to be free of liens and encumbrances except for (a) recorded tract restrictions, (b) utility easements and/or setback lines as shown on recorded maps or reserved in said tract restrictions, (c) zoning regulations, (d) items herein set forth.

Fourth-That in the event the title to said property shall not prove marketable and said seller shall not perfect, or be able to perfect the same within 90 days from this date, the buyer shall have the option of demanding and receiving back said deposit and shall be released from all obligations hereunder.

Fifth-That in the event the improvements on said described premises shall be destroyed or materially damaged between the date hereof and consummation of this purchase, this contract shall at buyer's election, immediately become null and void and said deposit and all other sums theretofore paid by buyer shall be returned to said buyer on demand.

Sixth-Agent is allowed a period of 10 days from date hereof, to secure the written approval of the seller, and in order for Real Estate Broker to use his best efforts to obtain sellers acceptance of this offer, buyer agrees this offer is irrevocable during said period.

Seventh-Possession of premises to be given upon recordation of deed or within 10 days from date of recordation of deed.

Eighth-That the taxes on said property for the current fiscal year ending June 30 following this date and the rents and fire insurance are to be pro-rated as of date of transfer of title, and if buyer is taking title subject to existing loan or loans, interest is to be pro-rated and loan trust funds, if any, shall be paid by buyer to seller as of date of transfer of title.

Ninth-The time for any act required to be done hereunder may without notice be extended not longer than thirty days by the undersigned Real Estate Broker, except for time within which sellers approval is to be obtained.

Tenth-The respective spouses of the buyer and seller, if any, shall join in any conveyance, encumbrances or contract executed pursuant to this agreement. This agreement is binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto.

Eleventh-That any assessments and/or improvement bonds a lien at close of escrow are to be Pro-rated

Twelfth-No representations, guarantees or warranties of any kind or character have been made by any party hereto, or their representatives which are not herein expressed.

Thirteenth-The agent shall not be held responsible for the failure to comply with the terms of this agreement by either the seller or buyer.

Real Estate Broker MacBride Realty Company

801 9th Street, Sacramento

Address _____ Phone No. HL 6-7751

The undersigned buyer agrees to purchase the above described property on the terms and conditions herein stated.

Buyer's Address 801 9th Street, Sacramento

Phone No. HL 6-7751

Buyer Ray D. Henderson and/or assignees

Buyer Ray D. Henderson

I/WE agree to sell the above-described property on the terms and conditions herein stated, and agree to pay the above broker as commission the sum of \$ 23,000.00 (TwentyThree Thousand) or one-half the deposit in case same is forfeited by purchaser, provided same shall not exceed the full amount of the commission, and I hereby authorize the escrow holder to pay said commission from escrow upon closing.

Dated March 22, 1961.



**North American Title
Insurance Company**

X
Seller

X
Seller

425 Yama Street, Yreka, California
Address

Telephone Number: Victor 2-3281

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- (1) Buyer submits this offer subject to buyer's approval of restrictions which may exist regarding public use of "COPCO's POWER LAKE" for recreational purposes.
- (2) Buyer agrees that no acreage shall be released at Close of Escrow as a result of the \$50,000.00 Cash down payment to Seller.
- (3) Buyer and Seller agree that Deed of Trust shall contain a provision for an automatic release of ^{parcels of} subject Real Property providing Principal and Interest payments are not in default. Each parcel to contain a minimum of twenty-five contiguous acres upon payment to Seller by Buyer of the sum of \$100.00 per acre plus 5% interest which may have accrued upon such acreage to be released. Buyer shall have sole right and privilege to select acreage to be released. Buyer shall pay for engineering and Closing Costs of said releases.
- (4) Buyer agrees that acreage releases referred to in Item (3) shall in no way restrict reasonable access to remaining acreage.
- (5) Instructions to North American Title Insurance Company, Trustee, Re: Escrow No. 102,098 - A:
 - A. Trustee is hereby irrevocably authorized and directed to retain the original promissory note and Deed of Trust above described in its Escrow No. 102,098A prior to default by Trustor in the performance of the terms, provisions and conditions contained in said promissory note, Deed of Trust and/or this Agreement.

Any act to be performed by Trustee under this Agreement shall not be done or performed by Trustee after receiving notice from Beneficiary that Trustor has defaulted on the payment of any installment of principal and/or interest on the above mentioned promissory note, and/or that Trustor has defaulted in the performance of the agreements contained in the Deed of Trust and/or in the performance of this Agreement, unless Beneficiary shall first authorize such act or acts in writing. To be binding upon Trustee, said notice must be in writing and delivered to Trustee and a receipt therefor issued by Trustee. Further, upon such default by Trustor, and upon Beneficiary having given notice thereof to Trustee in the manner above set forth, Trustee shall deliver unto Beneficiary the said promissory note and Deed of Trust upon written demand to Beneficiary.

Upon receipt by Trustee of a notice of default issued and delivered in accordance with the foregoing provisions, and thereafter during the continuance of the default, provisions No. 3 contained herein shall be suspended and inoperative. Upon the curing of the default by Trustor as permitted by, and in accordance with, Section 2924c of the Civil Code of the State of California, said provisions in No. 3 shall again become effective and operative, automatically and without further act, instruction or agreement.

To facilitate the performance of the duties imposed upon Trustees by this Agreement Trustor and Beneficiary agree that all title and escrow work in connection with the administration of this Deed of Trust, whenever reasonably possible, is to be handled by said Trustee, and Trustee shall be entitled to payment of its fees in accordance with its published schedule of fees.

Any provision in the Deed of Trust to the contrary notwithstanding, Trustee shall not be substituted without the written consent of Trustor, Trustee and Beneficiary first had and obtained.

- (6) Seller hereby acknowledges that Buyer is actively engaged in the sale and development of Real Estate and that the subject property is being purchased for the purpose of development and re-sale.

AUTHORIZATION TO SELL

(Adopted by the SACRAMENTO REAL ESTATE BOARD, September 1, 1948)

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THIS AGREEMENT, made this 27th day of March, 19 61, by

and between Frank L. & Georgina C. Lathrop, hereinafter called "Seller," and
WRIGHT AND KIMBROUGH, a Corporation, hereinafter called "Agent."

WITNESSETH:

"Seller" hereby authorizes and empowers "Agent" to sell and bind "Seller" to convey the following described real
property in the Siskiyou County of Sacramento, State of
California, described as follows: App. 2269 acres located in the Klamath River on
the shores of Copeo Lake. Portion of property being recorded by Grant
Deed September 8, 1954 Vol. 336 Pages 477 through 485.

according to the official map or plat thereof, for the sum of \$ Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand
and 00/100 (\$275,000.00) on the following terms:
25% Down = Balance in 5 annual payments plus 5% interest = Down payment
releases 20% of land (but not more than a 20% lake frontage). Additional
acreage released @ \$125.00 per acre.

"Agent" agrees to use due diligence in an endeavor to sell said property.

"Seller" agrees to pay "Agent," in cash, as a commission 10% per cent of the selling price
herein set forth if a sale or exchange of said property be made upon said terms, or any terms satisfactory to "Seller,"
during the term of this authorization, by either party to this agreement, or through some other source or whether, with-
out "Agent's" approval, said property be leased, transferred, conveyed or withdrawn from sale during the time set
forth herein. Should a sale be made within ninety (90) days after the termination of this authorization to parties with
whom said "Agent" negotiated during the term hereof "Seller" agrees to pay "Agent" the commission set forth
herein. Said commission shall be paid at the office of "Agent" in the City of Sacramento, the place where this contract
is to be performed. "Seller" hereby authorizes and empowers "Agent" to execute and deliver a contract or contracts,
binding "Seller" to sell and convey the said premises by a merchantable title free and clear of all liens and encumbrances,
at the price and upon the terms above stated and otherwise to carry out and perform such contract or contracts as the
agent of "Seller." "Agent" is hereby authorized to receive the purchase money as agent of "Seller."

If a prospective purchaser shall forfeit his deposit or first payment on the said property "Agent," in consideration
of the work performed, shall retain out of said payment an amount equal to the commission above named, or if "Agent"
so elects, said "Agent" is hereby authorized, without notice to "Seller," to return such deposit or first payment to such
prospective purchaser.

This power is coupled with an interest, and shall not be revoked until "Agent" shall have been paid for all serv-
ices and advances.

Should "Agent" secure a purchaser, "Seller" shall furnish a policy of title insurance in an amount equal to the
selling price of said property and any defect of title or failure of "Seller" to execute a deed to said property to purchaser,
shall not affect "Agent's" right to such commission. "Agent" may procure such policy of title insurance as agent of "Seller"
and advance the cost thereof, which amount shall be repaid to said "Agent" by "Seller" on demand.

Receipt of copy of this authorization is hereby acknowledged.

"Agent's" authorization to sell and bind "Seller" to convey said property shall be and remain in full force and effect
to and including May 31, 19 61, at the expiration of which time this authorization shall terminate and end.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above
written.

Witness:

.....[SEAL]

.....[SEAL]

Seller

WRIGHT AND KIMBROUGH
a Corporation

By Ed Brown

(The Data on this page constitutes no part of the within Authorization to Sell)

Number of Premises for Sale.....

Terms.....

Loans..... Payable.....

Taxes — City..... County.....

Insurance..... Water.....

Street Work Balance..... Original.....

Income.....

Occupied by: Tenant—Owner..... Vacant.....

Tenant's Name..... Phone.....

Lease..... Dated.....

Description.....

No. Rooms..... Size of Lot.....

Baths..... Tile.....

Type — Stucco - Brick - Rustic.....

Kitchen — Tile..... Entrance Hall.....

Furnace..... Fireplace.....

Automatic Water Heater.....

Basement..... Garage.....

Number Stories..... Sprinkling System.....

Hardwood Floors — Living Room - Dining Room - Bedrooms.....

Includes Linoleum - Drapes - Rugs.....

Owner.....

Owner's Address.....

Key..... Salesman.....

When Will Owner Vacate?..... Are Signs to be put up?.....

Expiration..... Cont. No.....

Remarks.....

March 31, 1961

MacBride Realty Co.
801 - 9th Street
Sacramento, California

Attention: Mr. Ray D. Henderson, Vice President

Dear Sir:

Your "Authorization to Sell" ("Deposit Receipt"), which you submitted to Mrs. Lathrop and to me, has been carefully reviewed and considered by us together with our counsel. Obviously my prior conversations with you were not taken seriously, and I wish to reiterate our position in connection with the sale of our land. Basically it is as follows:

1. That we do desire to consider any reasonable offer to purchase our property which you or any other realtor may desire to present. You are aware of our asking price, and anything which is below this should be considered with caution.
2. We have absolutely no intention to list this property either exclusively or otherwise for the reason that it is our considered opinion that such a listing will impede our possibilities of sale.
3. Any acceptable offer which is presented to us by a licensed realtor will be done by such realtor as representative or agent of the buyer.
4. It is our desire to eliminate any unnecessary time considering offers which are not substantially in accordance with our desires, which has been clearly indicated to you. Certainly any attempts to purchase the property on a small down payment with a request for an uncontrolled release of acreage will be considered with disfavor; we recognize our property to be a desirable property and have no intention to release it without substantial security for payment of the balance of the purchase price.

5. The agent for the buyer is expressly requested to make a full disclosure of any potential buyer of the covenants set forth in the agreement dated August 23, 1954, between California-Oregon Power Company and Frank L. Lathrop, relating to the use of the property. Further, please refrain from placing any condition of sale into any offer to purchase which would allow time for the purchaser to investigate or approve these conditions; all these matters should be completed together with examination of the title prior to any agreement to purchase the property.

This note is written to again confirm our position with relation to the property. We would suggest that any responsible offeror with a reasonable offer be prepared to make a substantial deposit at the time of making the offer; that the counsel of the proposed buyer be made known to us in order that he may be put in contact with our counsel, who together can make the necessary arrangements for closure of escrow through a responsible title insurance company. In this manner both our interests, the interest of you as agent for the buyer, and the interest of the buyers themselves can be best protected.

Hoping that with the foregoing in mind you will soon be able to produce an acceptable offer, I remain,

Yours very truly,

F. L. Lathrop

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FRANK L. LATHROP

425 YAMA STREET - YREKA, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE VICTOR 2-3281

REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS ON
STATE SOVEREIGN TITLES
FULLY AUTHENTICATED AND DOCUMENTED
FROM ORIGINAL SOURCES

April 6, 1961

California Oregon Power Company
Medford, Oregon

Attention: Mr. John C. Boyle,
Vice President

Dear Mr. Boyle:

On December 30, 1960 I sent you a copy of the final report of the Division of Beeches and Parks relative to Copco reservoir, together with a copy of the Director's official letter to the Secretary of the Senate, dated November 25, 1960, in which he says:

"The results of these studies indicate that Copco Reservoir should not be considered for inclusion as a unit in the State Park System."

My letter to you concludes with, "This makes it necessary for me to start all over again and find a private buyer that would be mutually agreeable to both of us."

From the foregoing it seems pertinent that Copco and I enter into a new agreement that will more effectually confirm and establish certain rights, privileges and obligations which have governed my relation with Copco and the relations of both of us with the public.

During the past 6 years both Copco and Lathrop have faithfully kept and performed their mutual covenants and agreements without conflict at any time; during which period most cordial relations have been maintained.

We have discussed this subject several times during the past 6 years, but had postponed doing what I now propose because the State Park Report of Feb. 1, 1960 on Page 3, paragraph 4, quote, "It is understood that the State will have control over all portions of the lake surface not needed for power production in Copco. Such control would include the authority to make and enforce rules and regulations concerning public use thereon. It is assumed that California Oregon Power Company would be properly safeguarded from liability of all kinds arising from the public's use of the lake."

California Oregon Power Company
Medford, Oregon

April 6, 1961

I trust you will find my present proposal, relative to navigation, and other rights and privileges, a necessary and effective method of continuing this mutual relationship. To accomplish this purpose I seek your usual prompt and earnest consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

F. L. Lathrop

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MacBride Realty Co.

Industrial-Commercial-Ranch Properties Division

The Moss Building
801 9th Street, Sacramento, Calif.
Phone HI 6-7751

RAY D. HENDERSON, Vice-President

April 14, 1961

Recd 4/17/61
2:20 PM

Mr. Frank Lathrop
425 Yama Street
Yreka, California

Dear Frank:

We are ready to proceed with our offer subject to a favorable report from COPCO regarding public use of the lake.

If you have not already had a meeting with them, possibly both of us could visit with him and arrive at a decision satisfactory to us.

Incidentally, my father passed away Thursday morning and I will be in Arizona until Sunday night.

I will be pleased to hear from you at an early date.

Very truly yours,

MacBRIDE REALTY COMPANY

Ray D. Henderson :B

Ray D. Henderson
Vice President

RDH:bm

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THE CALIFORNIA OREGON POWER COMPANY



IN REPLY PLEASE REFER
TO OUR FILE NUMBER

MEDFORD, OREGON

May 8, 1961

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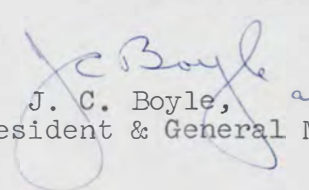
Mr. Frank L. Lathrop
425 Yama Street
Yreka, California

Dear Mr. Lathrop:

This will acknowledge your letter of
April 6, 1961 and its attachment.

We have reviewed the agreement of
August 23, 1954 between you and Copco and
find no basis therein to justify the pro-
posals suggested in your letter of April 6th.

Very truly yours,


J. C. Boyle,
Vice President & General Manager

JCB:EA

copy to Yreka
5/10/61

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May 9, 1961

Mr. Robert J. Foley
1225 Solano Avenue

Albany

Dear Mr. Foley:

A letter just received from Copco (copy enclosed) temporarily imposes a barrier on pending negotiations to sell the Lake Property to McBride Realty Co., Sacramento, which have been under negotiations, as you know, for the past month and are ready to go into escrow if a satisfactory agreement with Copco for certain uses and privileges could be negotiated which I have based upon common law right as littoral owner. Full disclosures have heretofore been made to buyer including Document No. 3, but not today's letter.

Enclosed herewith are the following documents:

1. Deed from Copco to Lathrop dated August 23, 1954 and recorded.
2. Agreement between Copco and Lathrop of the same date, not recorded.
3. Proposal Lathrop to Copco dated April 6, seeking a more satisfactory interpretation of mutual covenants, especially with relationship to wharf out and construct other facilities for recreation, snag removal, etc.

This proposal was predicated upon comparable power development projects by the Federal Government - U. S. Army Engineers and the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation. Both of these agencies turn over all recreation privileges to State Beaches and Parks, under lease agreement, and the State in turn immediately enters into concessions with private parties to put in facilities and to charge a fee for service; in fact this has been standard routine procedure.

May I ask you to review these documents and advise me if I should rely on my right as spelled out if coupled with a liberal interpretation of the rights of littoral owner; if this can be set up with sufficient clarity I am convinced that a successor also can rely upon the existing documents. If not, perhaps you can suggest a different approach because I am burdened with a verbal commitment to use every means to satisfy the buyer who is ready, willing and able. For this reason, I seek early discussions between the buyer and his attorney with you and I to either resolve this or start over again. For my own part, if I were to continue as owner I would be just as satisfied with existing documents as I could be with the proposed changes.

Under any Federal Power Commission license (which Copco is one) no navigation rights can be conveyed nor can any exclusive rights and privileges be given, but in this instance I, as littoral owner, remain in the unique position that

May 9, 1961

Mr. Robert J. Foley

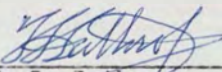
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fully satisfies my personal needs and I feel quite sure they never will be disturbed. The problem then is to convince the buyer that he should be equally satisfied with the existing documents.

Without imposing on your full schedule, I am leaving any solution to your time and inclination.

Thanking you,

Very truly yours,



F. L. Lathrop

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FOLEY AND SALER
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

ROBERT J. FOLEY
LAWRENCE D. SALER
RICHARD L. DOUTT

1225 SOLANO AVENUE
ALBANY 6, CALIFORNIA
LANDSCAPE 4-4123

May 20, 1961

Mr. Frank L. Lathrop
425 Yama Street
Yreka, California

Sat
May 27 - confer Foley
9-10 am. he read this
letter to me - me had not
received it -

Re: Copco matter.

Dear Mr. Lathrop:

By your letter of May 9, 1961, you requested the opinion of this office relative to your rights as a littoral owner on Copco Lake. Examination of the deed from Copco to Lathrop reveals that the following reservations were made by Copco as grantor with the grantee's land as the servient tenement:

Sec 28-29 only

1. Title and use of all water from ^{certain} springs.
2. Right of access to springs and right to build pipe lines, etc.
3. Easement for tunnels, pipes, power lines, etc.
4. Right to accretions on shoreline and to remove the same by dredging or otherwise.
5. Right to free access to all lands bordering the lake from boats, including the right to burn driftwood and do other acts incidental to their normal utility practices.
6. The right to use and build roads.
7. Ingress and egress over the lands conveyed.
8. The right to flood the lands or cause the water to recede; this includes the right to fluctuate the water level of the Klamath River and Copco Lake without liability.

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limited physically
& can never change
see my deed map

All of the foregoing reservations were made for the benefit of the dominant lands remaining to the grantor.

Your proposal to Copco of April 6, 1961, substantially requested the following:

as a public utility & no other
limited to such use

land submerged
11' seaward

20 May 1961

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dict for 1990
share for 8 yr*
- Boyle not consent
in writing
but make no
objection
these need proper
be in to all, omit*
- no* →
- (a) The right to construct, maintain, and operate docks, ramps, etc., for recreation and to license navigation.
 - (b) A cooperative arrangement to remove snags with the cost to be shared by Copco.
 - (c) The ^{right} to use spring water for domestic purposes, including private homes, and recreation clubs.
 - (d) The ^{right} to use water for irrigation in areas without gravity flow sources.
 - (e) The lease of the Sloan ranch for an airstrip.

Copco's reply to you indicated that they could find no basis to justify granting your requests. The real question to be answered is whether or not your rights as a servient owner would allow you to do any of the foregoing without express permission therefor. The first determination is whether or not the unrecorded agreement of August 23, 1954, obligates Copco to grant your requests. My answer to this preliminary question is that I find nothing in the deed or the unrecorded agreement which would require Copco to agree in writing to the uses which you requested in your proposal of April 6. *R*

*natural
artificial*

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The question of the extent of your rights as a littoral owner involves a rather complicated area of California law; most California Courts speak not of littoral ownership but of riparian rights. Riparian is defined as, "relating to the bank of a stream or other water--river, lake, or sea". Bathgate v. Irvine (1899) 126 C. 135. Riparian rights in California have so varied from the common law of England that California seems to have built up a volume of its own riparian law through statute, constitutional provision, and judicial decisions. California Courts have readily found common law inapplicable to local conditions and riparian rights in California have been definitely influenced by pueblo rights and customs of miners. It has been indicated that common law in California is not too persuasive and "Riparian problems have been of necessity and must continue to be, solved by the California Courts as cases of first impression." 51 Cal. Jur. 2d 476. *omit*

It would appear that the Copco Lake would come under the designation of a navigable lake. The law in California is that the owner of marginal property of a lake is entitled to personal privileges of bathing, boating, and hunting on the lake. These privileges are common to such owners on navigable lakes who have right to unmolested access to the water. City of Los Angeles v. Aitken (1935) 10 CA (2d) 460. It has been held that the owner of land littoral to a navigable body of water, as an incident to his

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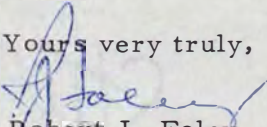
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right to use a boat thereon, may build and maintain a dock to enable him to reasonably use the lake and land his own boat on his own property so long as he does not interfere with the rights of others. Dolbeer v. Suncook Water Works Co. 72 N.H. 562. From the foregoing it would appear that you have a right to construct a personal dock and/or boat ramp and that this right would pass with the land. [The real question seems to be whether extensive facilities could be installed to accommodate the public and thereby creating a broader use to that of a personal use by an owner.]

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Careful study of the deed and unrecorded agreement indicates that there is no legal right available to force Copco to accede to the requests set forth in your proposal of April 6. However, it does not appear that Copco has completely refused your requests. I believe that as the littoral owner you do have boating and docking rights as an individual, but I do not think that these rights could be construed to include commercial uses; this would be beyond the recognized rights of the shoreline owners. It is my recommendation that if the use of irrigation water for other parcels, the joint removal of snags, the proposed use of spring water, and the lease of the airstrip, are important in your sale that they would have to be procured from Copco by additional negotiation. The question of the use anticipated by a prospective buyer is, of course, quite important. If the prospective buyer does not intend to broaden the use from a private to a commercial one, it is entirely conceivable that the littoral rights would be sufficient; if, on the other hand, there were to be commercial uses of the lake, I believe an agreement with Copco will be required. It is my suggestion that if commercial use is anticipated that you immediately commence negotiations with Copco to achieve a more favorable determination than that set forth in their letter of May 8, 1961. I will retain the various documents forwarded to this office awaiting your comments.

Yours very truly,


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