

Staff Report 60

LESSEE:

MP Mine Operations, LLC

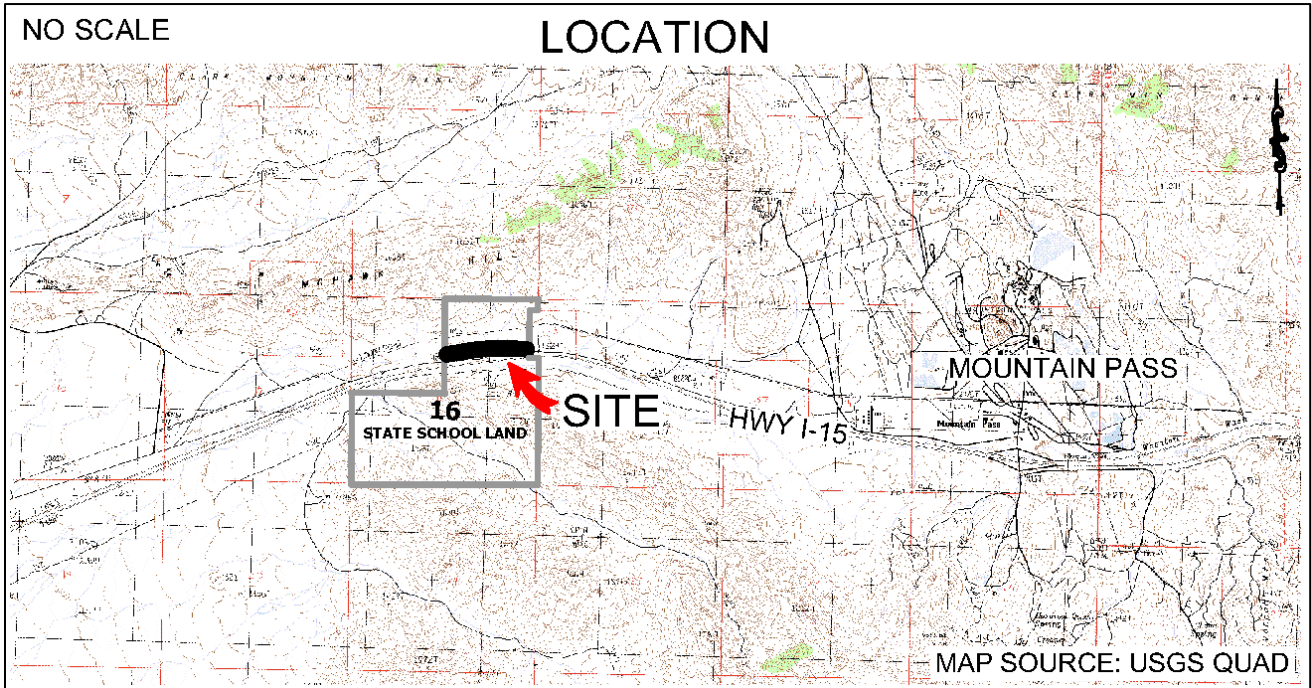
PROPOSED ACTION:

Revision of Rent

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

5.48 acres, more or less, of State school land in a portion of Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 13 East, SBM, near the unincorporated community of Mountain Pass, San Bernardino County (as shown in Figure 1).

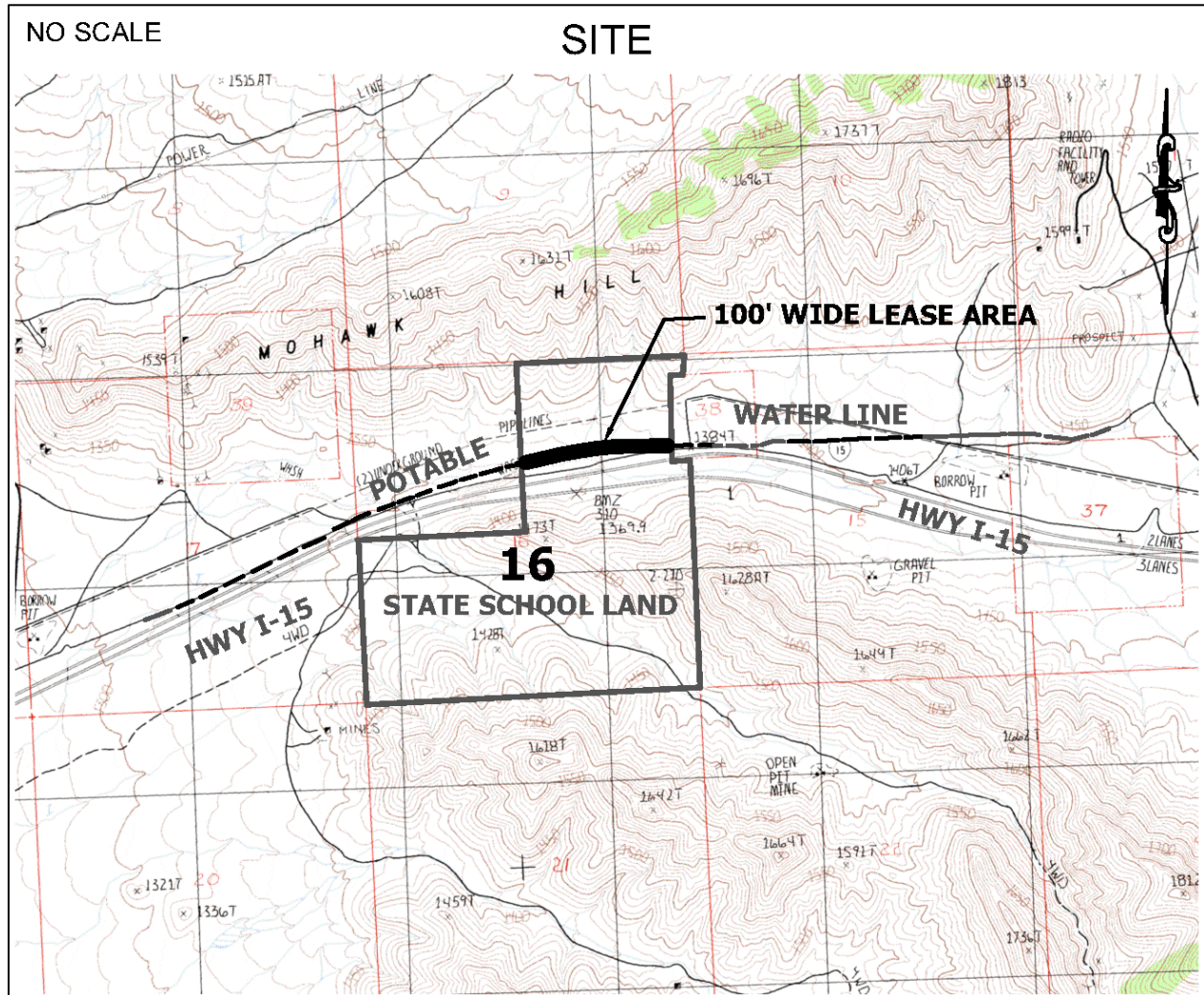
Figure 1. Location



AUTHORIZED USE:

Continued use and maintenance of a buried 14-inch-diameter potable water transportation line (as shown in Figure 2).

Figure 2. Site Map



NOTE: This depiction of the lease premises is based on unverified information provided by the Applicant or other parties and is not a waiver or limitation of any State interest in the subject property or any other property.

TERM:

25 years, beginning June 21, 2013.

CONSIDERATION:

The lease provides that Lessor may modify the rent periodically during the lease term. Pursuant to this provision, staff has conducted a review of the rent under this lease and recommends that the rent be revised from \$668 per year to \$1,670 per year, effective June 21, 2023.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Approval or denial of the revision of rent is a discretionary action by the Commission. Each time the Commission approves or rejects a revision of rent, it exercises legislatively delegated authority and responsibility as trustee of the State's Public Lands as authorized by law. The lessee has no right to a new lease or to renewal of any previous lease.
2. On June 21, 2013, the Commission authorized General Lease – Right of Way Use ([June 21, 2013, Item 79](#)) to the Lessee. On June 21, 2018, the Commission authorized a continuation of rent, effective June 21, 2018 ([June 21, 2018, EO Report](#)). The lease will expire on June 20, 2038.
3. This action is consistent with addressing the challenges and opportunities described in the Commission's 2021-25 Strategic Plan to “Embrace and safeguard multi-benefit School Lands and resource management stewardship that equitably balances responsible local and regional economic development, supports living wages, environmental protection, and revenue generation.”
4. Approving the revision of rent is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act because it is an administrative action that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15378, subdivision (b)(5).

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Commission:

AUTHORIZATION:

Approve the revision of rent for Lease PRC 6375 from \$668 per year to \$1,670 per year, effective June 21, 2023.