

# Staff Report 55

**LESSEE:**

Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep

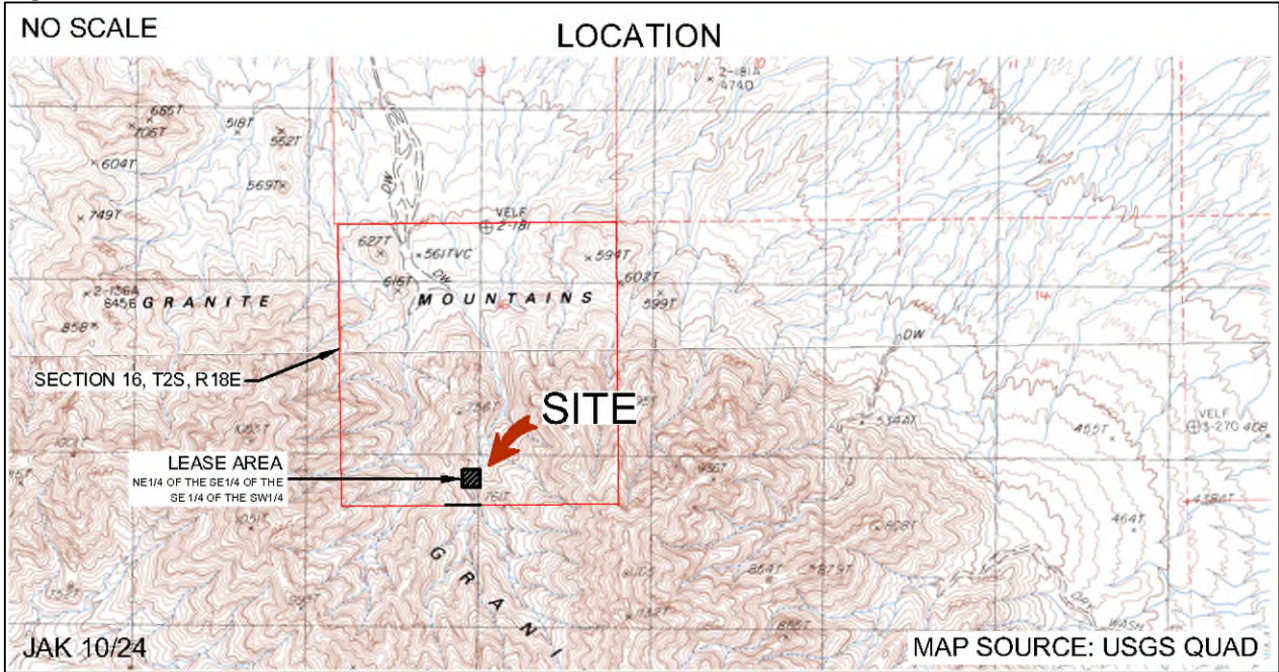
**PROPOSED ACTION:**

Revision of Rent.

**AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:**

2.5 acres, more or less, of school land located in a portion of Section 16, Township 2 South, Range 18 East, SBM, in the Granite Mountains, near Blythe, Riverside County (as shown in Figure 1).

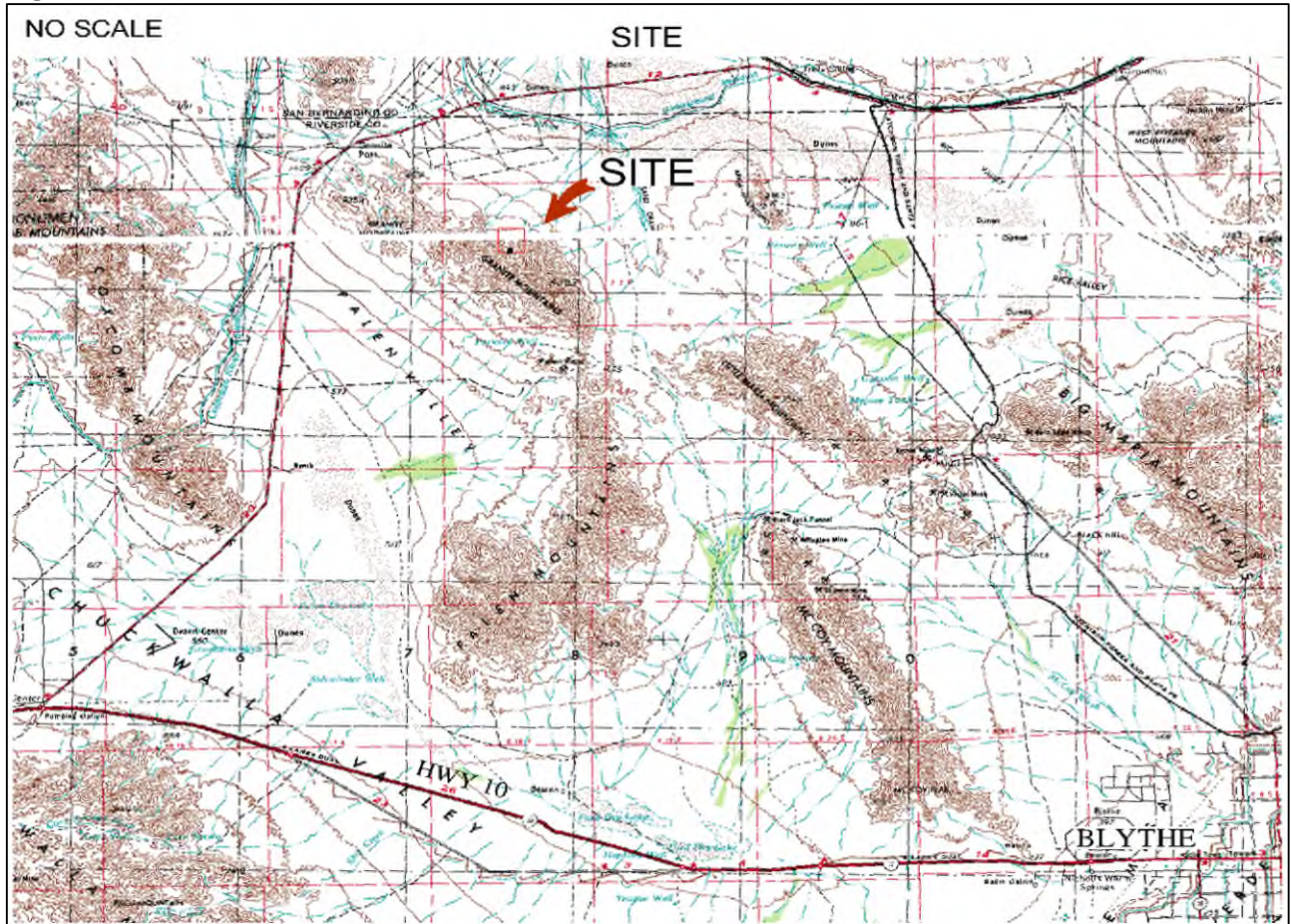
**Figure 1. Location**



**AUTHORIZED USE:**

Continued use and maintenance of two existing rainwater catchment basin systems (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 or any other property.

**TERM:**

20 years, beginning February 21, 2014.

**CONSIDERATION:**

The lease provides that Lessor may modify the rent periodically during the lease term. Pursuant to this provision, the staff has conducted a review of the rent under this lease and recommends that the rent be revised from \$125 per year to \$239 per year, effective February 21, 2025.



## **OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

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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 February 21, 2014, the Commission authorized a 20-year General Lease Other ([Item 58, February 21, 2014](#)), to the Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep. On December 3, 2018, the Commission authorized a revision of rent ([Item 68, December 3, 2018](#)) from \$79 to \$125 per year, effective February 21, 2019.
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, sections 15060, subdivision (c)(3), and 15378, subdivision (b)(5).

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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It is recommended that the Commission:

### **AUTHORIZATION:**

Approve the revision of rent for Lease PRC 4910 from \$125 per year to \$239 per year, effective February 21, 2025.