California Government Code Section 113 authorizes the State Lands Commission (Commission) to accept a retrocession of jurisdiction if the following conditions are met:

1. The United States has in writing requested that the State accept the retrocession;

2. The State Lands Commission has held a public hearing to determine whether it is in the State’s best interests to accept the retrocession; and

3. The United States has agreed to pay for the costs associated with the retrocession process.

By letter dated April 29, 1991, the Fish and Wildlife Service requested Governor Wilson to accept a retrocession of all legislative jurisdiction over the Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge. This request was authorized by Public Law 100-653, "An act to reauthorize and amend certain wildlife laws, and for other purposes," November 14, 1988, (102 Stat. 3834; 16 U.S.C. 742m).

The Commission published on May 5, 1993, in the Salinas "Californian" a "Notice of Hearing to Determine Retrocession of Jurisdiction by the United States Over Land Known as the Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge." The Notice was also served on the Board of Supervisors for Monterey County by the office of the County Sheriff.

The hearing was held on May 21, 1993, in the offices of the State Lands Commission. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service through oral testimony declared that the retrocession would be in the State’s best interests because it would allow for the more efficient implementation of law enforcement measures. No comments or testimony opposing the retrocession were received.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has executed a contract to pay for costs incurred by the Commission in processing the retrocession.
The Commission met on July 19, 1993, to consider the Fish and Wildlife Service's request. By a vote of 3 to 0, the Commission found that the United States had complied with the statutory requirements and that the proposed retrocession was in the best interests of the State. After making these findings, the Commission accepted the retrocession of jurisdiction, resulting in the United States only having proprietary jurisdiction over the Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge. The Commission also directed that this certificate be recorded with the Recorder for the County of Monterey and that this certificate be filed with the office of the Secretary of State.
On July 21, 1993, before me, Angel D. Roberts, Notary Public, personally appeared Charles Warren personally known to me - OR - proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/ her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Angel D. Roberts
Notary Public — California
SACRAMENTO COUNTY
My Comm. Expires NOV 20, 1995