

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TURNPIKE LODGE
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

June 4, 1986

In Attendance: W. Medigovich, OES, (Chairman) R. Barrows, OES
B. Springer, OES M. Scherr, OES, (OPS Chairman)
R. Manzo, OES, (Minutes) J. Linder, OES, (SSM)
L. Holms, ORC, (BOD) J. Radley, ORC, (OPS)
J. Farrel, ORC, (TF) G. Wayne, CDF, (OPS)
R. Day, CDF, (BOD) J. Dykes, CDF, (BOD)
D. Montague, USFS, (BOD) J. Bryant, USFS, (OPS)
E. Anderson, USFS R. Peterson, SBC, (BOD)
D. Manning, LFD, (BOD) F. Borden, LFD, (OPS)
W. Kilcrease, VNC, (BOD) K. Hammond, V C, (TF)
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II. Minutes

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J. Englund, (LAC), then motioned that the minutes be accepted. D. Manning, (LFD), seconded the motion, and all approved.

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