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BIENNIAL REPORT
OF THE
SURVEYOR-GENERAL
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE TERM ENDING AUGUST 1, 1926

CALIFORNIA STATE PRINTING OFFICE
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BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR GENERAL.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR GENERAL,
SACRAMENTO, October 1, 1926.

*To His Excellency, FRIEND WM. RICHARDSON,
Governor of the State of California.*

SIR:

I have the honor to herewith submit a report covering the work of this office for the term ending August 1, 1926.

DURING THE PAST BIENNIUM

Fees and royalties amounting to \$10,964 were collected by the Surveyor General and Register of the State Land Office, as provided by sections 501 and 3574 of the Political Code and chapter 303, Statutes of California, 1921, and paid into the state treasury and placed to the credit of the general fund.

16,008 acres of state school lands were leased for a rental of \$3,778 under the provisions of chapter 493, Statutes of California, 1917.

22,486 acres of lieu school lands were sold through the sale of scrip purchased under the provisions of section 3408*d* of the Political Code for the sum of \$146,161, an average of \$6.50 per acre.

Public auction sales of school lands were held under the provisions of chapter 207, Statutes of California, 1919, in the counties of Los Angeles, Tehama, Lake, Mendocino, Monterey, Santa Clara, Lassen, Mono, Inyo, San Diego, Imperial, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Luis Obispo and Kern, 48,412 acres being sold for \$158,999, an average of \$3.28 per acre.

592 applications to purchase 72,190 acres of state lands were filed.

1392 reports of county treasurers, made under the provisions of section 3422 of the Political Code, showing the receipt of \$160,401 paid for state lands, were received and entered on the records of this office, as provided in section 3423 of the Political Code.

7740 acres of lake lands were leased for a rental of \$22,100 under the provisions of chapter 612, Statutes of California, 1911.

47 lists and patents conveying 20,748 acres of land from the United States to the state were recorded in this office, as provided in section 3406 of the Political Code.

561 certificates of purchase for 67,834 acres of state lands were issued under the provisions of section 3514 of the Political Code.

414 patents for 61,963 acres of state lands were issued under the provisions of section 3519 of the Political Code.

199 land surveyors' licenses were issued under the provisions of chapter 247, Statutes of California, 1907.

County registrars of land titles in seventeen counties in the state operating under "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the certification of land titles and the simplification of transfer of real estate,' approved March 17, 1897," Statutes of California, 1915, page 1932, reported to this office the number of registrations and of certificates of title issued, which reports were embodied in reports made by this office under the provisions of chapter 800, Statutes of California, 1917.

43 duplicate certificates of purchase were issued under the provisions of section 3518 of the Political Code.

68 certificates of status of state lands, 135 certified copies of records and 46 certified copies of records of patents were issued.

225 indemnity state selections were made under the provisions of section 3398 of the Political Code.

150 certified lists of lands sold by the state were issued under the provisions of section 3659 of the Political Code

26 statements of delinquencies were issued as provided by section 3546 of the Political Code.

Surveys, maps and tablings made under the provisions of chapter 612, Statutes of California, 1911, amounting to 9 in number, were checked.

1 survey with map and tabling made under the provisions of chapter 490, Statutes of California, 1915, was checked.

2,748,390 feet of timber were sold from 360 acres of state school lands in National forests, for \$6,500, an average of \$18 per acre, and the state still retains the land which has a value of \$6.50 per acre as scrip.

10,000 letters have been written during the two years.

24 lists of persons licensed as land surveyors were transmitted to each of the 58 county recorders in the state as provided by section 4 of chapter 247, Statutes of California, 1907, a total of 1392 lists being transmitted.

Tabulated statements follow:

GENERAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Amount of fees and royalties collected by Surveyor General and Register of the State Land Office from August 1, 1924, to August 1, 1926, and paid into the state treasury; to the credit of the general fund, or to the Secretary of State:

<i>Month</i>	<i>Paid into state treasury</i>	<i>Paid to Secretary of State</i>
1924 - August.....	\$317 61	\$10 00
September.....	258 96	17 00
October.....	344 60	26 00
November.....	283 40	17 00
December.....	658 13	33 00
1925 - January.....	426 53	13 00
February.....	343 73	59 00
March.....	325 14	10 00
April.....	360 41	17 00
May.....	461 69	14 00
June.....	511 16	18 00
July.....	567 66	40 00
August.....	484 24	19 00
September.....	317 38	20 00

	October.....	287 04	28 00
	November.....	254 34	22 00
	December.....	395 38	18 00
1926 -	January.....	548 54	33 00
	February.....	631 58	19 00
	March.....	385 88	44 00
	April.....	704 96	24 00
	May.....	732 08	20 00
	June.....	483 65	22 00
	July.....	880 38	8 00
	Totals.....	\$10,964 47	\$569 00

Amount of annual rentals received by the Surveyor General for the lease of state lands pursuant to the provisions of chapter 493, Statutes of California, 1917, from August 1, 1924 to August 1, 1926, and paid into the state treasury for the credit of the school land fund:

1924 -	August.....	\$164 00
	September.....	103 60
	October.....	144 00
	November.....	125 00
	December.....	87 60
1925 -	January.....	480 80
	February.....	234 00
	March.....	287 00
	April.....	110 00
	May.....	96 00
	June.....	89 92
	July.....	266 20
	August.....	135 00
	September.....	58 00
	November.....	34 63
	December.....	15 00
1926 -	January.....	392 00
	February.....	186 00
	March.....	120 00
	April.....	143 00
	May.....	64 00
	June.....	62 00
	July.....	380 20
	Total.....	\$3,777 95

STATE SCRIP

Amount of money received by the Surveyor General from the sale of scrip under the provisions of section 3408d of the Political Code, from August 1, 1924, to August 1, 1926, and paid into the state treasury to the credit of the school land fund:

1924 -	August.....	\$8,372 85
	September.....	1,560 00
	October.....	4,469 66
	November.....	5,959 53
	December.....	10,675 79
1925 -	January.....	5,927 61
	February.....	3,835 00
	March.....	7,543 38

	April.....	10,836 90
	May.....	5,649 28
	June.....	5,628 30
	July.....	3,719 89
	August.....	4,484 94
	September.....	4,947 81
	October.....	4,874 35
	November.....	808 80
	December.....	6,950 79
1926 -	January.....	9,669 43
	February.....	1,459 96
	March.....	8,580 00
	April.....	7,732 36
	May.....	12,477 35
	June.....	2,793 64
	July.....	7,203 25
	Total.....	\$146,160 87

Amount of money received by the Surveyor General under the provisions of chapter 303, Statutes of California, 1921, for application fees for permits, permit fees, annual rentals, and royalties, and from sales of timber on school lands, and paid into the state treasury to the credit of the school fund:

Application fees for permits.....	\$10 00
Permit fees.....	160 00
Annual rentals.....	640 00
Royalties.....	4,928 55
Sale of timber on school lands.....	6,499 95
Total.....	\$12,238 50

FINANCIAL RECAPITULATION

Amount of fees and royalties collected by Surveyor General and Register of the State Land Office.....	\$10,964 47
Amount of fees collected by the Register of the State Land Office for Secretary of State.....	569 00
Amount of annual rentals received by Surveyor General for the lease of state land under chapter 493, Statutes of California, 1917.....	3,777 95
Amount of money received by Surveyor General from the sale of scrip under section 3408d of the Political Code.....	146,160 87
Amount of money received by the Surveyor General under the provisions of chapter 303, Statutes of California, 1921, for application fees for permits, permit fees, and royalties.....	5,738 55
Amount of money received by the Surveyor General from sales of timber on school lands.....	6,499 95
Total.....	\$173,710 79

PUBLIC AUCTION SALES OF SCHOOL LANDS

State school lands were sold at public auction under the provisions of chapter 207, Statutes of California, 1919, between August 1, 1924, and August 1, 1926, as follows:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Los Angeles.....	June 11, 1925	1,880	\$19,380 00
Tehama.....	June 17, 1925	1,760	3,360 00
Lake.....	June 23, 1925	1,269	6,274 00
Mendocino.....	June 25, 1925	1,918	3,908 00

Monterey.....	July 1, 1925	1,368	5,350 00
Santa Clara.....	July 3, 1925	1,137	1,806 00
Lassen.....	July 22, 1925	8,240	23,240 00
Mono.....	July 29, 1925	2,618	11,324 00
Inyo.....	July 31, 1925	360	1,100 00
San Diego.....	Mar. 31, 1926	4,974	18,814 00
Imperial.....	May 21, 1926	3,167	10,067 00
San Bernardino.....	June 24, 1926	11,374	26,802 00
Riverside.....	July 8, 1926	2,567	6,726 00
San Luis Obispo.....	July 15, 1926	440	1,670 00
Kern.....	July 29, 1926	5,340	19,178 00
Totals.....		48,412	\$158,999 00

APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE STATE LANDS

From August 1, 1924 to August 1, 1926, applications to purchase state lands were received and filed as follows:

<i>School lands and swamp and overflowed lands</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Imperial Land District, school lands.....	4	240.00
Independence Land District, school lands.....	4	637.90
Los Angeles Land District, school lands.....	370	36,414.29
Sacramento Land District, school lands.....	51	13,314.06
San Francisco Land District, school lands.....	76	10,003.92
Susanville Land District, school lands.....	6	1,042.15
Visalia Land District, school lands.....	81	10,537.59
Swamp and overflowed lands.....	8	1,952.57
Totals.....	600	74,142.48

STATE LAND PAYMENTS

Amounts of principal, interest and penalties received for the state by the county treasurers, on account of sales of school lands, from August 1, 1924, to August 1, 1926.

<i>County</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Penalties</i>
Alameda.....	-	-	-	-
Alpine.....	-	\$527 62	\$527 62	-
Amador.....	\$160 00	19 30	179 30	\$0 54
Butte.....	-	162 70	162 70	-
Calaveras.....	-	118 80	118 80	1 08
Colusa.....	-	-	-	-
Contra Costa.....	-	-	-	-
Del Norte.....	-	140 40	140 40	-
El Dorado.....	40 80	406 70	447 50	19 46
Fresno.....	1,379 00	9,095 39	10,474 39	516 34
Glenn.....	320 00	121 29	441 29	48
Humboldt.....	358 00	179 62	537 62	3 40
Imperial.....	3,646 68	8,335 05	11,981 73	703 17
Inyo.....	5,539 00	878 71	6,417 71	64 08
Kern.....	3,643 87	5,352 64	8,996 51	192 79
Kings.....	-	3 74	3 74	-
Lake.....	2,976 41	282 93	3,259 34	5 43
Lassen.....	8,123 24	9,442 32	17,565 56	69 88
Los Angeles.....	3,684 00	1,910 66	5,594 66	2 37
Madera.....	-	418 96	418 96	-

Marin.....	-	-	-	-
Mariposa.....	-	203 28	203 28	-
Mendocino.....	1,737 48	1,386 40	3,123 88	6 04
Merced.....	649 13	79 04	728 17	-
Modoc.....	640 00	910 36	1,550 36	2 59
Mono.....	9,945 78	2,969 42	12,915 20	14 72
Monterey.....	5,053 88	2,200 42	7,254 30	123 49
Napa.....	167 70	79 24	246 94	5 62
Nevada.....	497 03	197 04	694 07	2 80
Orange.....	40 00	2 80	42 80	-
Placer.....	745 20	98 35	843 55	3 62
Plumas.....	-	44 80	44 80	-
Riverside.....	3,090 71	5,566 91	8,657 62	146 06
San Benito.....	-	711 22	711 22	24 57
San Bernardino.....	12,413 89	14,782 00	27,195 89	450 06
San Diego.....	6,023 97	3,836 27	9,860 24	138 02
San Francisco.....	-	-	-	-
San Joaquin.....	-	-	-	-
San Luis Obispo.....	5,526 45	2,305 45	7,831 90	91 50
San Mateo.....	-	-	-	-
Santa Barbara.....	-	14 68	14 68	-
Santa Clara.....	1,381 80	252 26	1,634 06	7 86
Santa Cruz.....	-	14 58	14 58	-
Shasta.....	96 00	1,314 00	1,410 00	88 15
Sierra.....	-	-	-	-
Siskiyou.....	112 00	784 92	896 92	-
Solano.....	396 00	-	396 00	-
Sonoma.....	-	79 59	79 59	2 28
Stanislaus.....	-	227 59	227 59	-
Sutter.....	-	-	-	-
Tehama.....	816 00	985 15	1,801 15	36 29
Trinity.....	32 00	105 60	137 60	96
Tulare.....	624 80	521 00	1,145 80	8 50
Tuolumne.....	-	104 92	104 92	2 38
Ventura.....	-	86 41	86 41	10 96
Yolo.....	40 00	162 88	202 88	12 17
Yuba.....	-	317 16	317 16	2 00
Totals.....	\$79,900 82	\$77,740 57	\$157,641 39	\$2,759 66

Amount of annual rentals received for the leasing of state lands pursuant to the provisions of chapter 612, Statutes of California, 1911, from August 1, 1924, to August 1, 1926, and paid into the state treasury to the credit of the school land fund by the lessees was \$22,100.19.

Amount of annual rentals received for the leasing of state lands pursuant to the provisions of chapter 829, Statutes of California, 1921, from August 1, 1924, to August 1, 1926, and paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general fund by the lessees was \$946.

Amount of annual rentals received for the leasing of state lands pursuant to the provisions of chapter 330, Statutes of California, 1923, from August 1, 1924, to August 1, 1926, and paid into the state treasury to the credit of the school land fund was \$40.

Amount of annual rentals received for the leasing of state lands pursuant to the provisions of chapter 121, Statutes of California, 1925, from August 1, 1924, to August 1, 1926, and paid into the state treasury to the credit of the school land fund was \$485.

LEASING OF STATE LANDS

The number of acres of state lands which were leased from the State of California from August 1, 1924, to August 1, 1926, are as follows:

	<i>Acres</i>
State lands leased pursuant to the provisions of chapter 612, Statutes of California, 1911.....	7,739.59
State lands leased pursuant to the provisions of chapter 493, Statutes of California, 1917.....	16,008.44
Total.....	23,748.03

LANDS LISTED TO THE STATE

From August 1, 1924, to August 1, 1926, lands were listed to the State of California by the United States, as follows:

	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Indemnity or lieu lands.....	19,480.36	19,480.36
Swamp and overflowed lands.....	1,267.54	1,267.54
Total.....		20,747.90

CERTIFICATES OF PURCHASE ISSUED (From August 1, 1924, to August 1, 1926)

	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Number of certificates</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections and indemnity or lieu lands.....	551	551	66,852.68
Swamp and overflowed lands.....	10	10	981.01
Totals.....		561	67,833.69

PATENTS ISSUED (From August 1, 1924, to August 1, 1926)

	<i>Number of patents</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections and indemnity or lieu lands.....	396	59,943.79
Swamp and overflowed lands.....	15	1,938.97
Lake lands.....	3	79.93
Totals.....	414	61,962.69

LAND SURVEYORS LICENSED

Licenses issued to land surveyors from August 1, 1924, to August 1, 1926, numbered 162.

LAND TITLE LAW

October 15, 1925.

Pursuant to the provisions of chapter 800, Statutes of California, 1917, I beg to report that according to reports received, certificates of title have been issued pursuant to the registration of land titles under "The Torrens Law" in eighteen of fifty-eight counties, as follows:

Alameda County – 94 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
Fresno County – 4 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
Humboldt County – 182 certificates issued to August 1, 1924. No report was received from the Registrar of titles in Humboldt County for the year 1924-1925.
Imperial County – 268 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
Inyo County – 5 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
Kern County – 48 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
Los Angeles County – 34,139 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
Orange County – 3897 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
Riverside County – 148 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
San Bernardino County – 1350 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
San Diego County – 2500 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
San Francisco County – 9 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
San Luis Obispo County – 1 certificate issued to August 1, 1925.
Santa Barbara County – 243 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
Santa Cruz County – 10 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
Sonoma County – 244 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
Tulare County – 47 certificates issued to August 1, 1925.
Ventura County – 1 certificate issued to August 1, 1923. No report was received from the Registrar of titles in Ventura County for the years 1923-1924, 1924-1925.

The Torrens act provides that upon the original registration of any land, a sum equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the assessed value of the land including permanent improvements thereon as the same were valued for county taxation the last time said land and permanent improvements of either thereof were assessed for county taxes next preceding the filing of the petition shall be collected by the registrar and paid to the State Treasurer to be credited to the "Torrens Title Assurance Fund." The books of the State Treasurer show that on August 1, 1925, the "Torrens Title Assurance Fund" contained State of California Harbor Improvement 4 per cent bonds having a face value of \$25,000, which were purchased for the benefit of said fund, for the sum of \$27,308.23, and that the amount of cash in said fund on August 1, 1925, was \$791.96.

LAND TITLE LAW

October 1, 1926.

Pursuant to the provisions of chapter 800, Statutes of California, 1917, I beg to report that according to reports received, certificates of title have been issued pursuant to the registration of land titles under "The Torrens Law" in eighteen of fifty-eight counties, as follows:

Alameda County – 103 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
Fresno County – 6 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
Humboldt County – 198 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
Imperial County – 297 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
Inyo County – 5 certificates issued to August 1, 1925. No report was received from the Registrar of titles in Inyo County for the year 1925-1926.
Kern County – 55 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
Los Angeles County – 39,458 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
Orange County – 4271 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
Riverside County – 152 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
San Bernardino County – 1619 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
San Diego County – 2689 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
San Francisco County – 9 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
San Luis Obispo County – 1 certificate issued to August 1, 1926.
Santa Barbara County – 303 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
Santa Cruz County – 10 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
Sonoma County – 268 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
Tulare County – 51 certificates issued to August 1, 1926.
Ventura County – 1 certificate issued to August 1, 1926.

The Torrens act provides that upon the original registration of any land, a sum equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the assessed value of the land including permanent improvements thereon as the same were valued for county taxation the last time said land and permanent improvements of either thereof were assessed for county taxes next preceding the filing of the petition shall be collected by the registrar and paid to the State Treasurer to be credited to the "Torrens Title Assurance Fund." The books of the State Treasurer show that on August 1, 1926, the "Torrens Title Assurance Fund" contained State of California Harbor Improvement 4 per cent bonds having a face value of \$25,000, which were purchased for the benefit of said fund, for the sum of \$24,250.19, and that the amount of cash in said fund on August 1, 1926, was \$1,982.74.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. KINGSBURY,
Surveyor General.