



Agenda Item 14  
SMMC  
9/27/10

City of  
**SANTA CLARITA**

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September 16, 2010

Joseph G. Edmiston, Executive Director  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road  
Malibu, CA 90265

Dear Mr. Edmiston:

Subject: Request for \$500,000 in matching funds to complete the acquisition of 842 +/- acres, in Elsmere Canyon, real property located in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, bearing Assessor's Parcel Number 2848-015-010, 011, 012, 013, 2581-001-001, 007, 015, 016, 021, 025, 026, 027, 028, 029, 030, 032, 033, 034, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 041, 2603-005-021, 2603-002-002, 003, 005, 2582-001-002, and 2582-001-006.

As you know, the City of Santa Clarita is committed to the preservation of our natural resources. We are dedicated to the expansion of our open spaces and protection of regional wildlife corridors.

Recently, the City has been in negotiations with the owner(s) of 842 +/- acres in Elsmere Canyon to purchase the property for \$6,000,000. Elsmere Canyon is relatively untouched land, truly unique as it lies adjacent to State Highway 14, near the Golden State 5 Freeway interchange. Located within the Newhall Pass, Elsmere Canyon is integral to the Rim of the Valley and the San Gabriel Watershed.

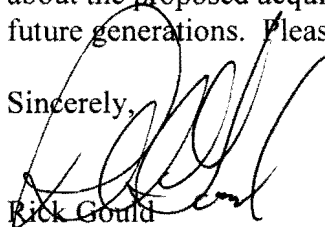
The City's Open Space Preservation District will contribute approximately \$3.75 million towards this purchase. An additional \$1.75 million, including \$750,000 in Prop A funds, has been committed by the Los Angeles County. The City is requesting a grant of matching funds from SMMC for \$500,000 to fill in the remaining funding gap. The grant application is attached. Upon the receipt of the requested funds and the close of escrow (estimated near the end of October 2010) the City will deed over to Mountains Receptions Conservation Authority (MRCA) parcels equal in acreage to the investment received. In addition, any remaining constraints or division in the property rights of MRCA's existing 400 acres, which may be currently held by the owner of Elsmere, will be returned via Quitclaim Deed to MRCA.



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We are fortunate to have like-minded partners in this opportunity, who are equally excited about the proposed acquisition and the protection of significant and critical resources for future generations. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Rick Gould

Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services

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Enclosures

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
GRANT APPLICATION**

<b>Project Name:</b> Elsmere Canyon Acquisition	<b>Amount of Request:</b> \$ 500,000 -						
<b>Applicant Name:</b> CITY OF SANTA CLARITA RICK GOULD, DIRECTOR OF PARKS	<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$ 6,000,000 -						
	<b>Amount of Match:</b> \$ 3,750,000 -						
	<b>SMMC Fund Source(s):</b> Prop 84						
<b>Source of Match:</b> City of Santa Clarita							
<b>Applicant Address:</b> 23920 Valencia Blvd. Ste 120 SANTA CLARITA, CA 91355	<b>Project Address:</b> Elsmere Canyon						
<b>Phone:</b> 661-255-4978 <b>Fax:</b> 661-284-1431	<table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>County</b></td> <td><b>Senate District</b></td> <td><b>Assembly District</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Los Angeles</td> <td>19th</td> <td>38th</td> </tr> </table>	<b>County</b>	<b>Senate District</b>	<b>Assembly District</b>	Los Angeles	19th	38th
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<b>Email:</b> rgould@Santa-clarita.com							

**Grantee's Authorized Representative:**

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, 661-255-4978  
*Name and Title* *Recreation + Community Services* *Phone*

**Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:**

Barbara Blankenship, Acquisition Specialist 661-286-4046  
*Name and Title* *Phone*

**Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum):** Purchase of 842 +/- acres in Elsmere Canyon for preservation. Purchase price is \$6,000,000. Close of escrow anticipated October 29, 2010

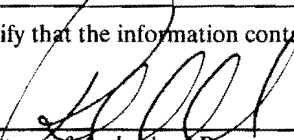
**Funding Source Applied for:** Prop 84

**Narrative/Detailed Project Description:** Elsmere Canyon is an important wildlife corridor, adjacent to 400 acres of MRCA land, near Whitney Canyon and Angeles National Forest. Acquisition of the 842 acres enhances efforts create a protective greenbelt.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Start Date	Completion Date
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**Acquisition Projects:** APN(s): See Attached  
 Acreage: 842 +/-

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

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*Signature of Authorized Representative* *Date*

Interim Form SMM-001

## Elsmere Canyon Acquisition Project Notes

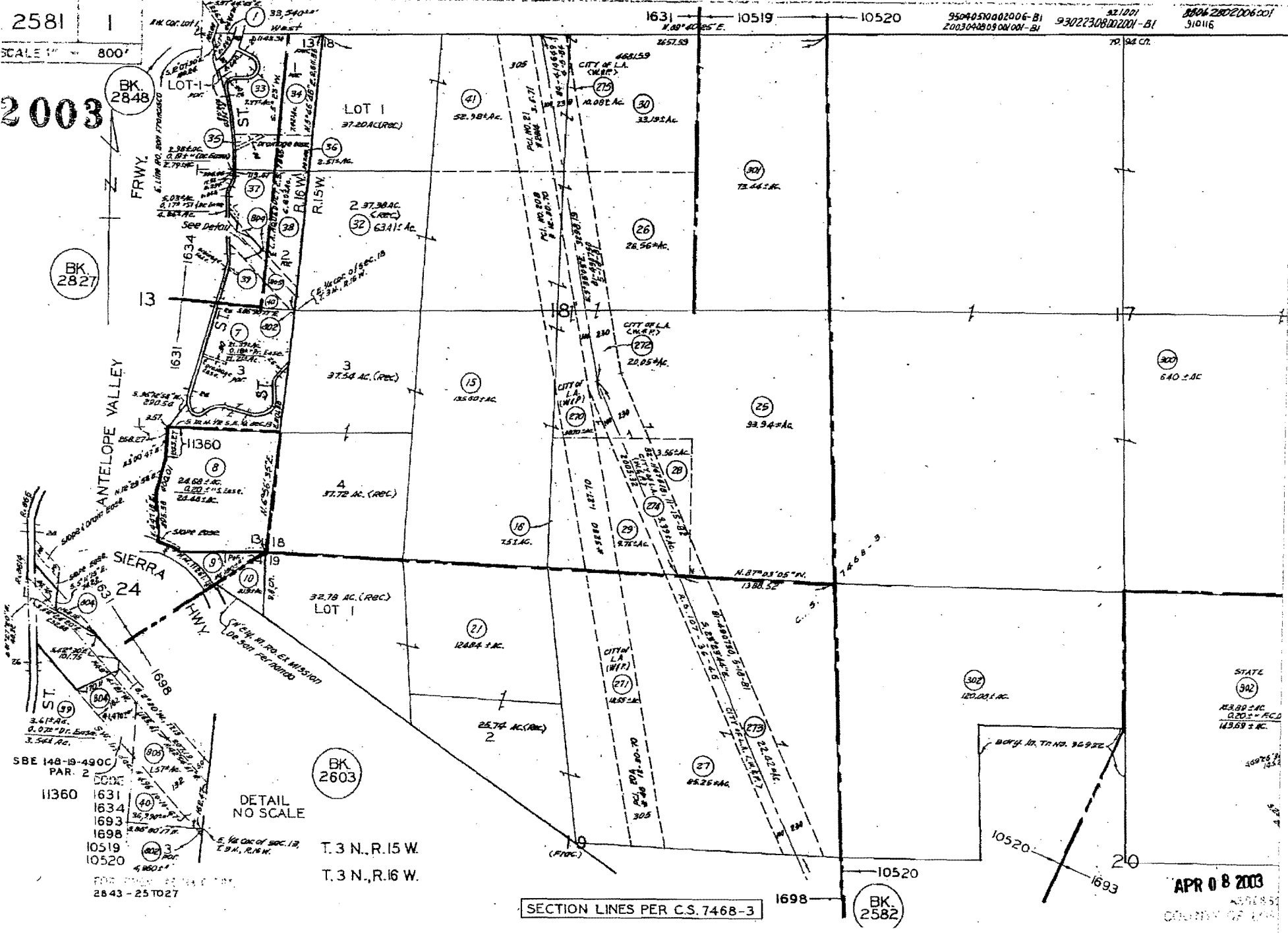
As of 09/16/2010

842 +/- acres Elsmere Canyon of real property located in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, bearing Assessor's Parcel Numbers 2848-015-010, 011, 012, 013, 2581-001-001, 007, 015, 021, 025, 026, 027, 030, 032, 033, 034, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 041, 2603-005-021, 2603-002-002, 003, 005, 2582-001-002 and 2582-001-006.

Proposed purchase price of \$6,000,000, with \$3.75 million from the City of Santa Clarita Open Space Preservation District; \$1.75 million from Los Angeles County (including \$750,000 from Prop A) and a grant of \$500,000 requested from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Prop 84).

This acquisition is scheduled for consideration and approval by the Santa Clarita City Council on October 12, 2010.

Estimated close of escrow is October 29, 2010



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

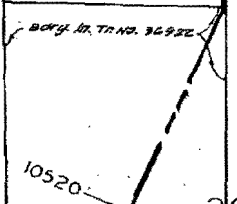
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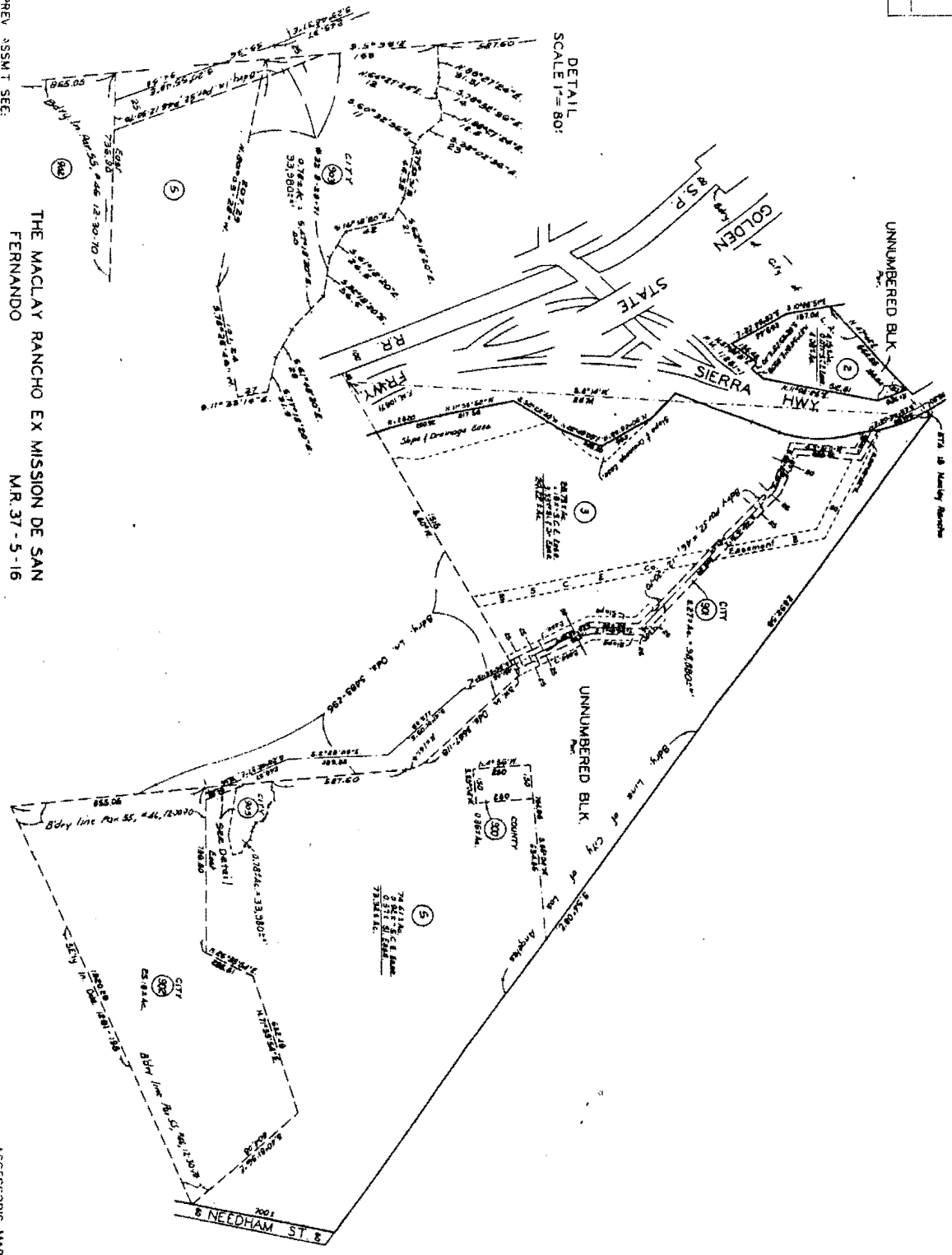


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ASSESSOR'S MAP  
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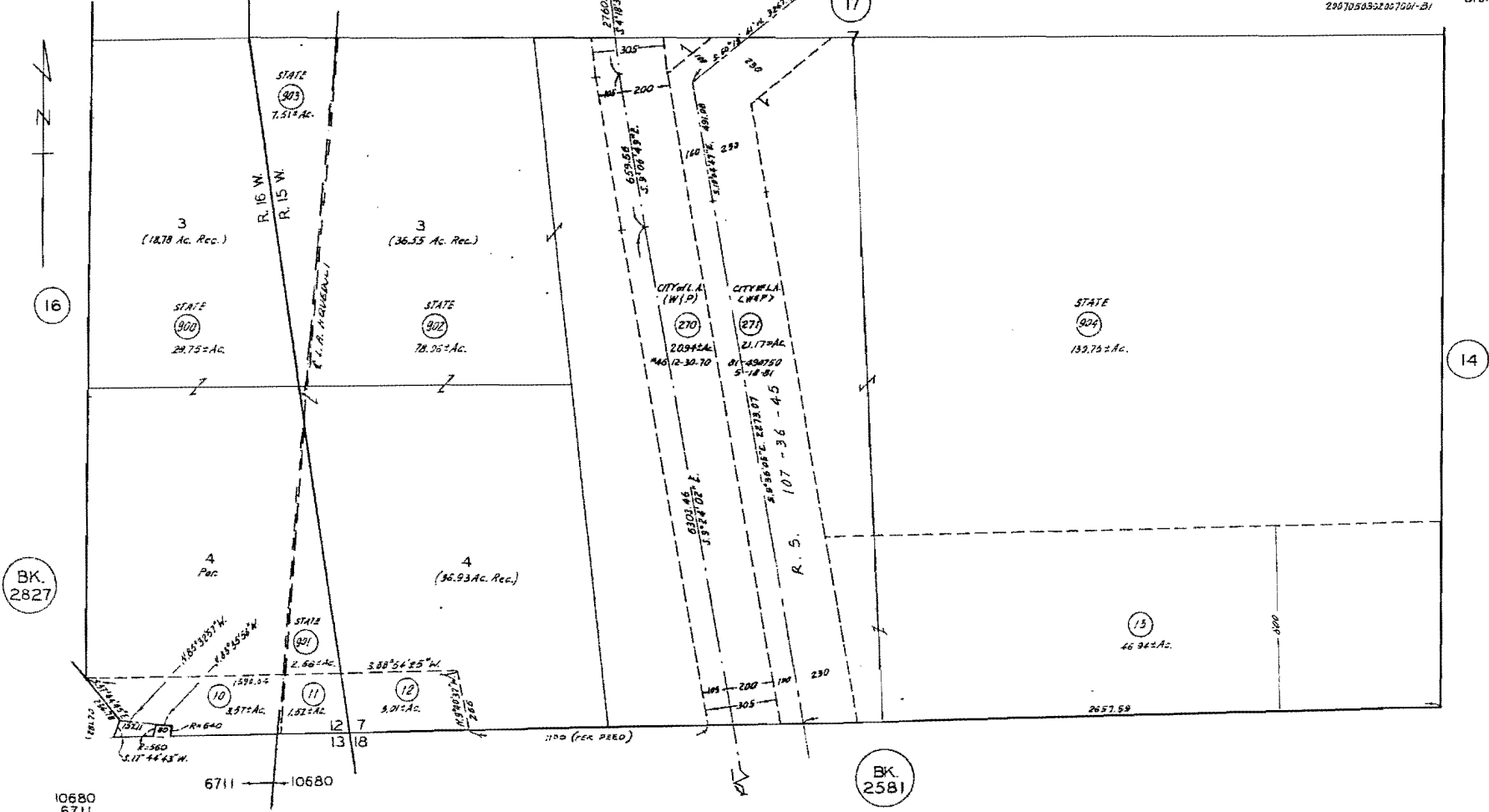


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