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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)	DOCKET NO. 84-AFC-6C
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THE SYCAMORE COGENERATION PROJECT)	ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
)	FOR THE PURCHASE OF
)	CARRIZO PLAIN PRESERVE
)	BY THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
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Based on the record of this proceeding and the comments presented at the hearing on January 20, 1988, the Commission finds the following:

1. Pursuant to the Commission Final Decision in this matter and Biological Resources Condition 5 of that Decision, the Commission must approve all proposals to purchase habitat using monies from the Sycamore San Joaquin Kit Fox Preserve Account. Condition 5 provides that the fund be used "for the purchase of suitable acreage for kit fox habitat preservation and to cover related administrative site improvement and site protection costs."
2. The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit tax exempt conservation organization that acquires and manages habitat of rare and endangered species, has submitted a proposal to participate in the purchase of a preserve in the Carrizo Plain. The Nature Conservancy has been offered an opportunity to acquire, in one transaction, approximately 128 square miles in the Carrizo Plain (see map attached as Exhibit Two) for the price of approximately

\$14.2 million, provided adequate sources of funding for the purchase can be identified and secured.

3. The Nature Conservancy has proposed that the Commission provide \$995,000 from the Sycamore San Joaquin Kit Fox Preserve Account, Special Deposit Funds, towards the purchase in the Carrizo Plain and in addition, agrees to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), attached hereto as Exhibit One, with the Commission to assure continued purchase of kit fox preserve habitat of equivalent value in the Southern San Joaquin Valley.

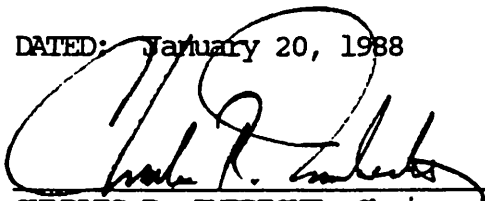
4. The Committee of Biologists, created by the Commission Decision in this matter to advise the Commission on the acceptability of parcels, has recommended approval of this proposal. The Committee agrees that this purchase and the terms of the accompanying MOU meet the criteria of the Commission Decision and that this purchase will help to preserve and protect the kit fox.

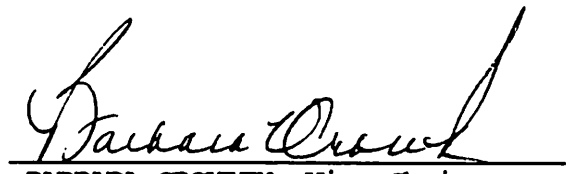
Therefore, the Commission hereby orders the following:

- A. The proposal from The Nature Conservancy regarding use of \$995,000 from the Sycamore-San Joaquin Kit Fox Preserve Fund toward the purchase of 128 square miles in the Carrizo Plain, depicted in Exhibit Two, is hereby approved on the condition that The Nature Conservancy executes the Memorandum of Understanding, attached as Exhibit One.

- B. The Memorandum of Understanding, Exhibit One attached is approved.
The Executive Director is authorized to execute the MOU on behalf of
the California Energy Commission.
- C. The monies shall be used by The Nature Conservancy in accordance with
the terms of Memorandum of Understanding, Exhibit One attached.

DATED: January 20, 1988


CHARLES R. IMBRECHT, Chairman


BARBARA CROWLEY, Vice Chair


WARREN D. NOTEWARE, Commissioner