Searles Valley
An overview of Land Patents
And Transfers

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Master Title Plats
The United States of America,

To all whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, a Certificate of the Land Office at Los Angeles, California, is now deposited in the Bureau of Land Management, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the West Bld Chemical Company, according to the provisions of Chapter 7, Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of the United States and legislation supplemental thereto, for the following described lands:

Mount Diablo Harbors, California.

T. 25 S., R. 33 W., Sec. 28, lat 104

T. 25 S., R. 33 W., Sec. 29, lat 103

The areas described aggregate 73.00 acres, according to the Official Plats of the Surveys of the said lands, as filed in the Bureau of Land Management.

RUN BEING THUS, that the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the payment, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress in such cases made and provided, HAS GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DOES GIVEN AND GRANTED unto the said West Bld Chemical Company, and to its successors, the tract above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereto belonging, unto the said West Bld Chemical Company, and to its successors and assigns forever; subject to any vested and acquired under rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to fences and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts; and there is reserved from the lands hereby granted, a right of way therefor for fences or canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

Repealing and Reserving, also, to the United States all the private and public, and in the lands as patented and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such quantities from the same upon compliance with the conditions and subject to the provisions and limitations of the Act of July 17, 1912 (30 Stat. 539) as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933 (47 Stat. 1790).

This entry is made under Section 25 of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 597) and the Act of March 3, 1933 (47 Stat. 1790) and the person is hereby subject to the right of prior patents or leases to use or take such of the surface of said land as is required for mining operations, without compensation to the patentees for damages resulting from proper mining operations.

In testimony whereof, the undersigned, authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of June 17, 1868 (20 Stat. 496) has, in the name of the United States, caused these letters to be issued as Patent, and the Seal of the Bureau to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, in the District of Columbia, the TENTH day of FEBRUARY, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and TWENTY-FIFTH.

For the Director, Bureau of Land Management.

[Signature]

Patent Number 111,166

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Land Patents

• A land patent is, “... an exclusive land grant made by a sovereign entity over the land in question. To make such a grant “patent”, a sovereign must document the land grant, securely sign and seal the document (patent), and openly publish the documents for the public to see.”

• On March 4, 1788, the first land patent was issued by the United States of America to John Martin in what is now Belmont County, Ohio. Twenty-four years later, in 1812, the General Land Office (GLO) was created to handle and dispose of public lands. In 1946 the Bureau of Land Management was established with the merger of the GLO and the Grazing Service.
## Searles Valley Land Distribution

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Searles Valley Area
Mineral Placer Patents
1913 Withdrawal and
Current Sodium and Potassium Leases

Area Evaluated
For This Presentation

Public Lands and Patents
- Current Sodium & Potassium Leases
- 1913 Mineral Withdrawal
- Mineral Placer

Miles
0 1.5 3 6
1935 Survey Plat of Argus Townsite
Master Title Plat: Argus Townsite
Argus Townsite: Patent Types
Master Title Plat: Point of Rocks
1946 Topo. Point of Rocks Patents
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