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SB 444
Floyd Lamb State Park Transfer
Position Statement
Nevada Division of State Parks

Governor Kenny Guinn desires to give Floyd Lamb State Park to the City of Las Vegas. He has requested legislation to authorize the State to transfer to the City all of the State's interest in the property, including the land being leased from the Bureau of Land Management. The State intends to keep only the plant nursery being managed by the Nevada Division of Forestry.

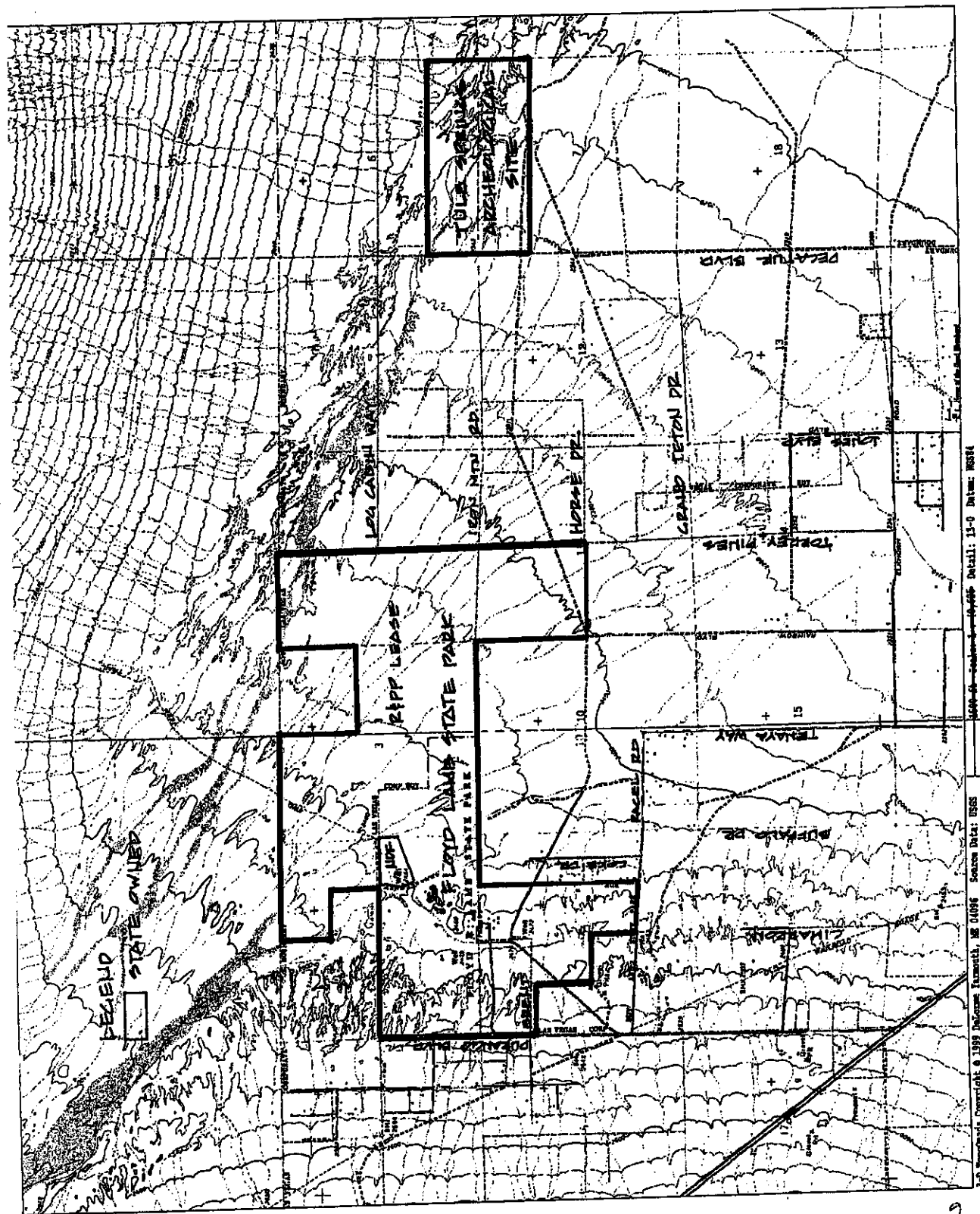
The State expects the City to continue to manage the property as a public park, and to protect its historic and recreational values. The legislation will require continued public use as a park, and will prevent any future transfer of the property to any other party without State Legislature's consent.

The Nevada Division of State Parks notes that the property is protected by recreational requirements of the Land & Water Conservation Act. Whether owned by the State or the City, all use, disposition and development must be in full compliance with Land & Water Conservation Act Section 6(f)(3) requirements.

The State is grateful for the interest and support of the many friends of Floyd Lamb State Park. If the property is transferred to the City, the State hopes everyone will continue to work to protect and improve the park. The State will encourage the City to consult with the Tule Springs Preservation Committee and other citizen groups. The existing lease to the Las Vegas Gun Club would transfer with the property, and be administered by the City.

The park was owned by the City of Las Vegas until 1977, when the State agreed to relieve the City of the financial burden of managing the property. Floyd Lamb State Park is very popular with local residents of the Las Vegas Valley, whose enthusiasm for the park has made it the third most-visited state park facility in Clark County, and the fifth most popular park in the state park system statewide.

During its ownership, the State has invested more than \$6 million in capital improvements at the park. Several improvement projects are under underway at this time. A multi-user trailhead project has been sponsored by the Southern Nevada Regional Trails Partnership (with primary funding provided by the Federal Recreation Trails Program, administered by the Division of State Parks). The irrigation system has recently been upgraded. The State is continuing with a project to repair/replace structure roofs, already underway. The protection and enhancement of Floyd Lamb State Park remains a high priority for the State.



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