

MINUTE ITEM

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RECONSIDERATION OF POLICY FOR NEW
CONSTRUCTION AT LAKE TAHOE

At its November 1978 meeting, the Commission adopted a policy which predicated the use of State lands in Lake Tahoe for the construction of new private structures (piers, groins, etc.) on a precondition of environmental impact analysis. In August 1979, the Commission extended this policy through December 1979, subject to staff working: (1) with the California Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (CTRPA) to develop a full range of alternatives for management of the Tahoe shorezone; and (2) to acquire the funding necessary to conduct a scientific study of the environmental effects of development in the Tahoe shorezone.

By adopting the Shorezone Ordinance of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), the California Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (CTRPA) became the "Lead Agency", under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, in the consideration of such private structures. (See attached minute items).

Pursuant to the Commission's policy, staff sought State and Federal funds to finance the preparation of a cumulative analysis of the physical impacts from the construction of piers in Lake Tahoe. As a result of these efforts, \$175,000 was appropriated to the State Lands Commission from the California Environmental Protection Program (Personalized License Plates) in the 1980-81 budget to fund a scientific investigation to determine: (1) the cumulative effects of various types of structures on the shorezone processes of Lake Tahoe; and (2) a carrying capacity of the shorezone for such structures-piers, etc.

With such funding, staff solicited proposals from various research institutes. These proposals were required to outline a study of the physical littoral environment of Lake Tahoe in order to determine the effects of development (piers, groins, rock cribs, etc.) on the shorezone. The Commission subsequently received a proposal from the University of Southern California which provides for a study of the physical shorezone system during a three year period at a cost of \$118,432. Commission staff will be utilizing additional funds from the original Tahoe appropriation to conduct related studies (littoral current energies, etc.) over the same period.

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In addition, staff continues to work with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, CTRPA, the Resources Agency, and TRPA to resolve problems (administrative and environmental) associated with applications for development proposed during the period of the shorezone study.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. CONTINUE TO DECEMBER 1983, ITS TAHOE POLICY AS ADOPTED IN NOVEMBER 1978;
2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,432 FOR A SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION OF THE EFFECTS OF SHOREZONE DEVELOPMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AT LAKE TAHOE.