

MINUTE ITEM CO5

PRC 7171

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GENERAL LEASE—RIGHT OF WAY—PRC 7171

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GENERAL LEASE - RIGHT-OF-WAY USE PRC 7171

**LESSEE:**

Pacific Lumber Company  
P. O. Box 37  
Scotia, California 95565

**AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:**

A 0.11-acre parcel of tide and submerged land located in the  
Eel River near Scotia, Humboldt County.

**LAND USE:**

Proposed relocation of a temporary summer log stringer  
bridge.

**TERMS OF EXISTING LEASE:**

Initial period:

Ten (10) years beginning June 1, 1988.

Public liability insurance:

Combined single limit coverage of \$500,000.

**CONSIDERATION:**

\$100 per annum; with the State reserving the right to fix a  
different rental on each fifth anniversary of the lease.

**BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Pursuant to 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2003.

**APPLICANT STATUS:**

Applicant is owner of upland.

**PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:**

Filing fee and processing costs have been received.

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**STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:**

- A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Parts 1 and 2; Div. 13.
- B. Cal. Code Regs.: Title 3, Div. 3; Title 14, Div. 6.

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**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.
2. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 4, Minor Alteration to Land, 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15304.

Authority: P.R.C. 21084 and 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15300.

3. The Lessee proposes to change the location of the temporary summer bridge due to the fact that the Eel River meanders within its banks in the area of the current lease. This meandering has made it difficult to install the temporary bridge at the current location each season as planned.

The Lessee proposes to relocate the seasonal bridge approximately 1,500 feet upstream at a point where the river is more stationary and a crossing can be effected with much less environmental disturbance. The actual seasonal installation of the bridge will remain essentially as described in the current lease.

4. The primary purpose for installing the bridge each year is to provide transportation of forest products to the Scotia mills.

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5. The bridge placement will occur no earlier than June 1 of each year and will be removed no later than October 1 of each year, or as designated by the California Department of Fish and Game.
6. The lease area shall be increased from 0.046 acre to 0.11 acre.
7. The Lessee has agreed to supply staff with dated photographs showing all angles of the site from the ground to be taken before construction, after the bridge is in place, and after the bridge is removed each year.
8. All other terms and conditions of the lease remain in full force and effect.

**APPROVALS OBTAINED:**

Department of Fish and Game and California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region.

**FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:**

United States Army Corps of Engineers.

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Land Description
- B. Location Map

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:**

1. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO P.R.C. 6370, ET SEQ.
2. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 4, MINOR ALTERATION TO LAND, 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15304.
3. AUTHORIZE THE AMENDMENT OF LEASE PRC 7171 ISSUED TO PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY FOR THE RELOCATION OF A TEMPORARY SUMMER BRIDGE ACROSS THE EEL RIVER AND AN INCREASE IN THE LEASED AREA FROM 0.046 ACRES TO 0.11 ACRES, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 23, 1991, ON THE LAND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCED MADE A PART HEREOF.

**EXHIBIT "A"**

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**LAND DESCRIPTION**

A strip of submerged land 20 feet wide in the bed of the Eel River near Scotia, Humboldt County, lying 10 feet on each side of the following described centerline:

BEGINNING at a point on the easterly bank of Eel River in Section 17, T 1 N, R 1 E, HBM, from which the northwest corner of said section 17 bears N 18° W, 4200.00 feet; thence from said point of beginning S 70° W, 250.00 feet more or less to the westerly bank of the Eel River.

EXCEPTING THERFROM any portion lying landward of the ordinary low water mark of said river.

**END OF DESCRIPTION**

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