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GENERAL LEASE – RECREATIONAL USE

APPLICANT:

Robert Buccola

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign land in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 2169 Cascade Road, near the city of South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Continued use and maintenance of an existing pier and boat lift.

LEASE TERM:

10 years, beginning October 1, 2012.

CONSIDERATION:

\$777 per year, with the State reserving the right to fix a different rent periodically during the lease term, as provided in the lease.

SPECIFIC LEASE PROVISIONS:

Liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- 1. Applicant owns the upland adjoining the lease premises.
- 2. On October 1, 2002, the Commission authorized a 10-year Recreational Pier Lease with Robert Buccola, for a pier and boat lift. The lease expired on September 30, 2012. The Applicant is now applying for a new General Lease – Recreational Use.
- 3. On October 8, 2011, Chapter 585, Statutes of 2011 became law. The law took effect on January 1, 2012. This new law repeals section 6503.5 of the Public Resources Code, which had allowed rent-free use of State-owned land by certain private parties for their recreational piers. It replaced the former section with a new section 6503.5 which provides that

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the State Lands Commission "shall charge rent for a private recreational pier constructed on state lands". The law provides for two exceptions to the imposition of rent. Those exceptions are for:

- A. A lease in effect on July 1, 2011 through the remaining term of that lease. If a lease in effect on July 1, 2011 expires or is otherwise terminated, any new lease will be subject to rent; and
- B. A lease for which the lease application and application fees were submitted to the Commission prior to March 31, 2011.

The Applicant does not qualify for an exception and the lease is subject to rent because the application and fees were received after March 31, 2011.

4. The staff recommends that the Commission find that this activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 1, Existing Facilities; California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2905, subdivision (a)(2).

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15300 and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2905.

5. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370 et seq., but such activity will not affect those significant lands. 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.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description
- B. Site and Location Map

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Commission:

CEQA FINDING:

Find that the activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15061 as a categorically exempt project, Class 1, Existing Facilities; California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2905, subdivision (a)(2).

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SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:

Find that this activity is consistent with the use classification designated by the Commission for the land pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370 et seq.

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize issuance of a General Lease – Recreational Use to Robert Buccola, beginning October 1, 2012, for a term of 10 years, for the continued use and maintenance of an existing pier and boat lift as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B (for reference purposes only) attached and by this reference made a part hereof; annual rent in the amount of \$777, with the State reserving the right to fix a different rent periodically during the lease term, as provided in the lease; and liability insurance with coverage of no less than \$1,000,000.

EXHIBIT A

LAND DESCRIPTION

One (1) parcel of submerged land situate in the bed of Lake Tahoe, lying adjacent to fractional Section 26, Township 13 North, Range 17 East, MDM., as shown on Official Government Township Plat approved September 25, 1906, County of El Dorado, State of California and more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1 – PIER

All those lands underlying an existing pier and boat lift lying adjacent to that lot as described in that Grant Deed recorded September 23,1999 as Document Number 99-00059989-00 of Official Records of said County.

TOGETHER WITH a ten (10) foot impact area.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portion lying landward of elevation 6223 feet LTD on the shoreline of said Lake Tahoe.

Accompanying plat is hereby made part of this description.

END OF DESCRIPTION

Prepared September 12, 2012 by the California State Lands Commission Boundary Unit.





