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GENERAL LEASE – RECREATIONAL USE

APPLICANTS:

Margaret Miller Trembley, Trustee of the Margaret Miller Trembley Revocable Trust dated August 2, 1993; Margaret Trembley-Gab; and Thomas R. Christianson and Alison T. Christianson, Trustees of the Christianson Family Trust under agreement dated January 1, 2008

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign land in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 8305 Meeks Bay Avenue, near Meeks Bay, El Dorado County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Continued use and maintenance of an existing pier, boathouse, boat lift, and two mooring buoys.

LEASE TERM:

10 years, beginning October 19, 2012.

CONSIDERATION:

No monetary consideration pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6503.5.

SPECIFIC LEASE PROVISIONS:

Insurance:

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

Other:

The proposed lease contains a provision requiring the Applicants to obtain authorization from the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) for the mooring buoy within two years of the adoption of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Lake Tahoe Shorezone Ordinance Amendments and approval of the amended ordinances. This is a continuation of the process the Commission used from approximately 1995 to October 2008 when TRPA adopted an FEIS and Ordinance Amendments supported by the FEIS. In September 2010, the U.S. District Court invalidated the FEIS and nullified the Amendments. When additional information is available, Commission staff will advise the Commission on any suggested modifications to the process used by the Commission pending resolution of the TRPA FEIS and ordinance issues.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- 1. Applicants own the upland parcel adjoining the lease premises.
- 2. On November 26, 2001, the Commission authorized a Recreational Pier Lease with Margaret Miller Trembley, Trustee of the Margaret Miller Trembley Revocable Trust dated August 2, 1993, for an existing pier, boathouse, boat lift, and two mooring buoys. That lease expired on March 31, 2011. On January 1, 2008, the Lessee deeded the upland property to Margaret Miller Trembley, Trustee of the Margaret Miller Trembley Revocable Trust dated August 2, 1993; Margaret Trembley-Gab; and Thomas R. Christianson and Alison T. Christianson, Trustees of the Christianson Family Trust under agreement dated January 1, 2008. Applicants are 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 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.

Because the application was submitted to the Commission prior to March 31, 2011, the lease meets the statutory requirements for an exception to recently-enacted changes to Section 6503.5 of the Public Resources Code for the term of this lease.

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.

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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).

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 Margaret Miller Trembley, Trustee of the Margaret Miller Trembley Revocable Trust dated August 2, 1993; Margaret Trembley-Gab; and Thomas R. Christianson and Alison T. Christianson, Trustees of the Christianson Family Trust under agreement dated January 1, 2008, beginning October 19, 2012, for a term of 10 years, for the continued use and maintenance of a pier, boathouse, boat lift, and two mooring buoys described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B (for reference purposes only) attached and by this reference made a part hereof; no monetary consideration pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6503.5; and liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000.

EXHIBIT A

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LAND DESCRIPTION

Three parcels of submerged lands situated in the bed of Lake Tahoe, lying adjacent to fractional Section 28, Township 14 North, Range 17 East, M.D.B.&M., as shown on Official Government Township Plat approved January 17, 1866, County of El Dorado, State of California, more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1 - PIER AND BOATHOUSE

All those lands underlying an existing pier, boathouse and catwalks lying adjacent to that parcel described in Grant Deed recorded October 14, 2008 as Document Number 2008-0049795-00 in Official Records of said County.

TOGETHER WITH a ten foot impact area.

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

PARCEL 2 & 3 – BUOYS

Two circular parcels of land, each being 50 feet in diameter, underlying two existing buoys lying adjacent to that parcel described in Grant Deed recorded October 14, 2008 as Document Number 2008-0049795-00 in Official Records of said County.

Accompanying plat is hereby made part of this description.

END OF DESCRIPTION

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