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GENERAL LEASE – RECREATIONAL USE

APPLICANTS:

Robert W. Peters and Carolyn H. Peters, Trustees of the Robert W. Peters and Carolyn H. Peters 1992 Trust UTA January 10, 1992

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign land in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 3220 Edgewater Drive, near Tahoe City, Placer County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Use and maintenance of two existing mooring buoys not previously authorized by the Commission.

LEASE TERM:

10 years, beginning February 22, 2013

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 buoys 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

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Commission on any suggested modifications to the process used by the Commission pending resolution of the TRPA FEIS and ordinance issues.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- 1. Applicants own the upland adjoining the lease premises.
- 2. On October 8, 2011, Chapter 585, Statutes of 2011 became law. The law became effective 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 and fees were 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.

- 3. The Applicants' two existing mooring buoys have been in Lake Tahoe for many years but were not previously authorized by the Commission. Staff recommends bringing the placement of the Applicants' existing mooring buoys under lease, subject to the Applicants obtaining TRPA permit authorization as required in the lease.
- 4. The staff recommends that the Commission find that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (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).

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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).

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 W. Peters and Carolyn H. Peters, Trustees of the Robert W. Peters and Carolyn H. Peters 1992 Trust UTA January 10, 1992, beginning February 22, 2013, for a term of 10 years, for the use and maintenance of two existing mooring buoys not previously authorized by the Commission as 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

LAND DESCRIPTION

Two (2) parcels of submerged land situate in the bed of Lake Tahoe, lying adjacent to Lot 7 of fractional Section 33, Township 16 North, Range 17 East, MDM., as shown on Official Government Township Plat approved November 10, 1865, County of Placer, State of California, and more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1 & 2 - BUOYS

Two (2) circular parcels of land, being 50 feet in diameter, underlying two (2) existing buoys lying adjacent to those Parcels described in Exhibit "A" of that Grant Deed recorded August 6, 1999 as Document Number 99-0070121 in Official Records of said County.

Accompanying plat is hereby made part of this description.

END OF DESCRIPTION

Prepared January 24, 2013 by the California State Lands Commission Boundary Unit.





