

**CALENDAR ITEM  
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**GENERAL LEASE – RECREATIONAL USE**

**APPLICANT:**

Jeffrey Point, LLC, a California limited liability company

**PROPOSED LEASE:**

*AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:*

Sovereign land in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 9846 Pilot Circle, near Brockway, Placer County

*AUTHORIZED USE:*

Continued use and maintenance of an existing pier, ramp, boathouse, two boat hoists, and one mooring buoy.

*LEASE TERM:*

10 years beginning February 20, 2017.

*CONSIDERATION:*

\$1,294 per year, with an annual Consumer Price Index adjustment.

*SPECIFIC LEASE PROVISIONS:*

1. Liability insurance in an amount no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
2. Lessee shall not store any personal items or construct any improvements in the Public Trust easement that may impair the public uses.
3. If Lessee does not have valid Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) buoy permits, Lessee is required to obtain such authorization for the mooring buoy within 2 years after the adoption of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Lake Tahoe Shorezone Ordinance Amendments and approval of the amended ordinances. If Lessee is unable to obtain such

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authorization within the time limit, they may be required to remove the buoy.

4. Lessee expressly acknowledges and agrees that issuance of a lease does not substitute for, or provide preference in, obtaining authorizations from TRPA or any other regulatory agency for the improvements authorized by the Commission.

**STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION:**

**Authority:**

Public Resources Code sections 6005, 6216, 6301, 6501.1, and 6503.5; California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 2000, subdivision (b).

**Public Trust and State's Best Interests Analysis:**

On December 3, 2008, the Commission authorized a General Lease – Recreational Use for the existing pier, ramp, boathouse, two boat hoists, and two mooring buoys to Jeffrey Point, LLC, a California limited liability company ([Calendar Item C23, December 3, 2008](#)). That lease expires on February 19, 2017. The Applicant has since removed one of the existing mooring buoys and is now applying for a General Lease – Recreational Use for the continued use and maintenance of the pier, ramp, boathouse, two boat hoists, and one mooring buoy.

The subject facilities, which are privately owned and maintained, are used for recreational boating. Recreational boating is a water-dependent use that is generally consistent with the common law Public Trust Doctrine. The California Legislature has identified private recreational boating facilities as an authorized use of Public Trust land (Pub. Resources Code, § 6503.5).

The subject facilities have existed for many years at this location. The pier is built on two large rock cribs and the immediate area of the existing pier is rocky with large boulders. The topography and the location of upland structures provide access for the pier but offer little to no space for other Public Trust activities. The buoy is located directly lakeward of the upland property and occupies a relatively small area of the lake.

The proposed lease does not alienate the State's fee simple interest or permanently impair public rights. The lease is limited to a 10-year term, does not grant the lessee exclusive rights to the lease premises, and reserves an easement to the public for Public Trust-consistent uses. Upon

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termination of the lease, the lessee may be required to remove all improvements and restore the lease premises to their original condition.

The proposed lease requires the lessee to insure the lease premises and indemnify the State for any liability incurred as a result of the lessee's activities thereon. The lease also requires the payment of annual rent to compensate the people of the State for the occupation of the public land involved. For all the reasons above, Commission staff believes the issuance of this lease is consistent with the common law Public Trust Doctrine and in the best interests of the State.

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. This action is consistent with Strategy 1.1 of the Commission's Strategic Plan to deliver the highest levels of public health and safety in the protection, preservation, and responsible economic use of the lands and resources under the Commission's jurisdiction and Strategy 1.3 to promote, expand, and enhance appropriate public use and access to and along the State's inland and coastal waterways.
2. 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).

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

3. 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 staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

**EXHIBITS:**

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

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**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).

**PUBLIC TRUST AND STATE'S BEST INTERESTS:**

Find that the proposed lease will not substantially impair the public rights to navigation and fishing or substantially interfere with the Public Trust needs and values at this location, is consistent with the common law Public Trust Doctrine, and is in the best interests of the State.

**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 Jeffrey Point, LLC, a California limited liability company, beginning February 20, 2017, for a term of 10 years, for the continued use and maintenance of an existing pier, ramp, boathouse, two boat hoists, and one mooring buoy 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 \$1,294, with an annual Consumer Price Index adjustment; and liability insurance in an amount no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

**EXHIBIT A**

**PRC 8131.1**

**LAND DESCRIPTION**

Two (2) parcels of submerged land situate in the bed of Lake Tahoe, lying adjacent to Lot 3 of fractional Section 30, Township 16 North, Range 18 East, MDM., as shown on Official Government Township Plat approved January 2, 1875, County of Placer, State of California, and more particularly described as follows:

**PARCEL 1 – PIER**

All those lands underlying an existing pier with rock crib, boat hoist, ramp and covered boathouse with boat hoist lying adjacent to that parcel described in Grant Deed recorded February 20, 2007 as Document Number 2007-0016937-00 in Official Records of said County.

TOGETHER WITH any applicable Impact Area(s).

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

**PARCEL 2 - BUOY**

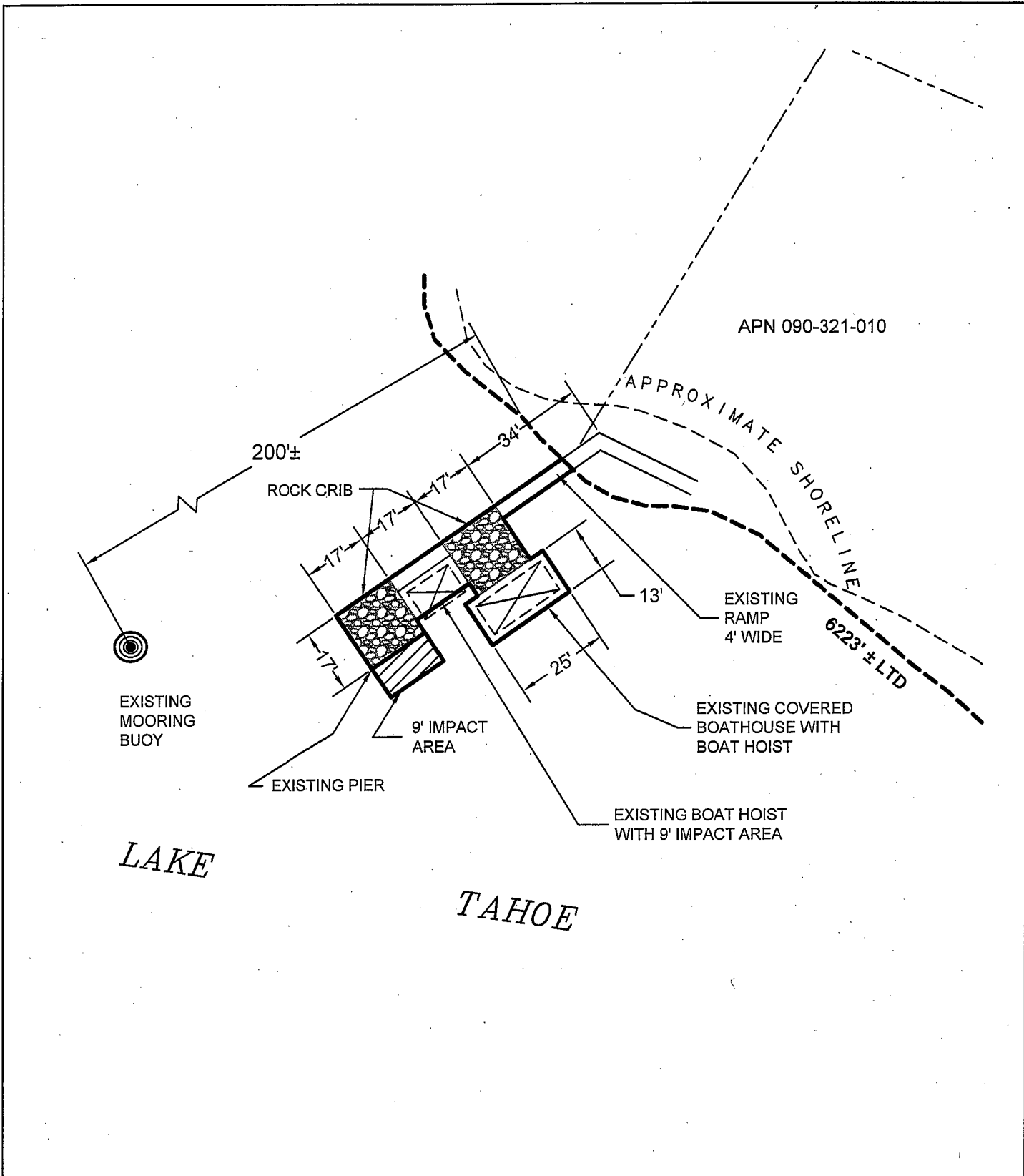
A circular parcel of land, being 50 feet in diameter, underlying an existing buoy lying adjacent to that parcel described in Grant Deed recorded February 20, 2007 as Document Number 2007-0016937-00 in Official Records of said County.

Accompanying plat is hereby made part of this description.

**END OF DESCRIPTION**

Prepared: 10/15/2016 by the California State Lands Commission Boundary Unit.





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LAND DESCRIPTION PLAT  
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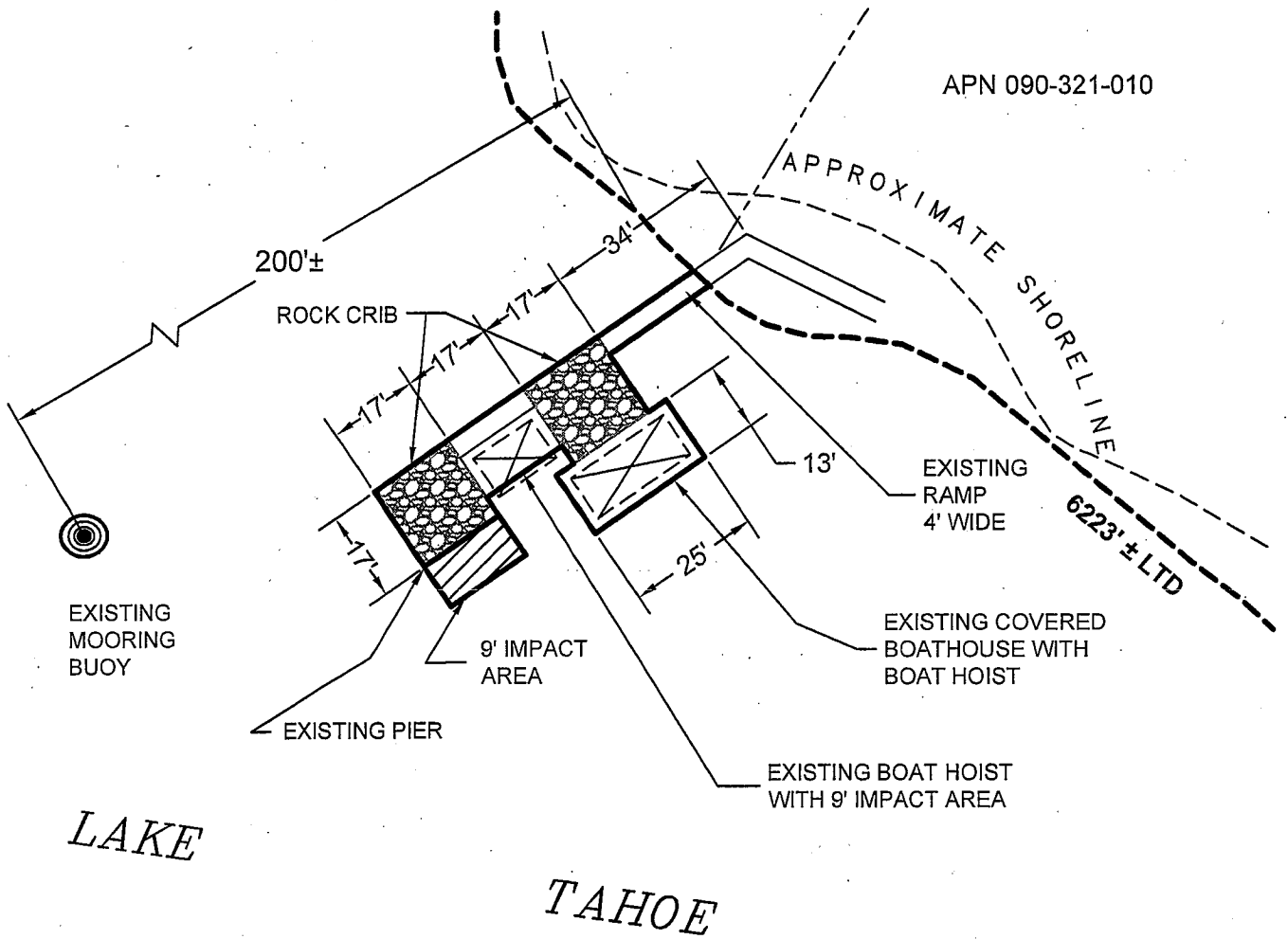
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NO SCALE

### SITE

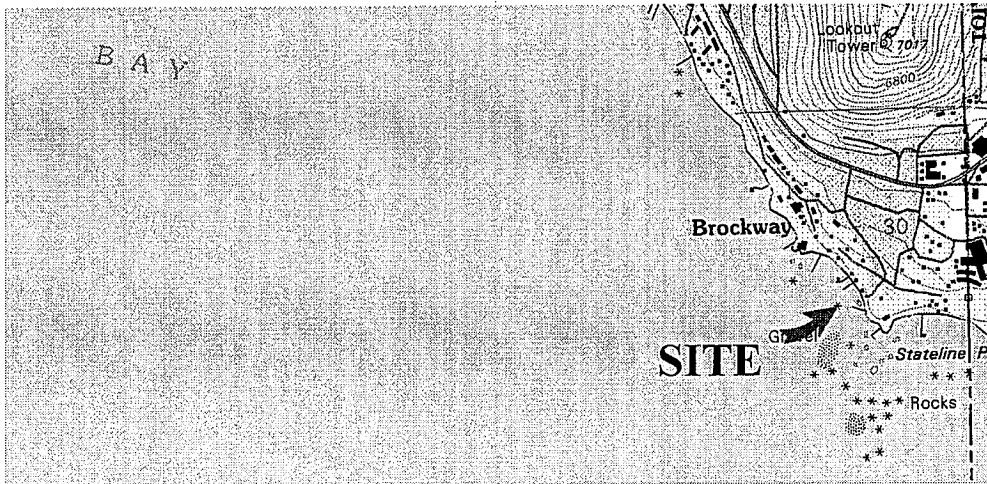
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9846 PILOT CIRCLE, NEAR BROCKWAY

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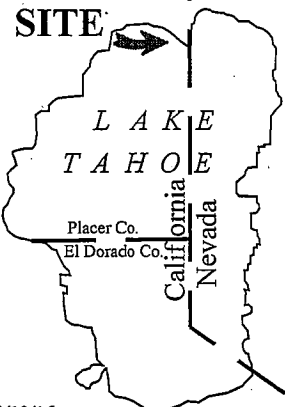
### LOCATION



MAP SOURCE: USGS QUAD

### Exhibit B

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This Exhibit is solely for purposes of generally defining the lease premises, is based on unverified information provided by the Lessee or other parties and is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed as, a waiver or limitation of any State interest in the subject or any other property.