MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. <u>2105</u> was approved as Minute Item No. <u>105</u> by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of <u>3</u> to <u>at its</u> meeting.

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CONSIDER SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION AND PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, AS KAPILOFF LAND BANK TRUSTEE, AND A 49 YEAR LEASE TO THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, OF A PARCEL OF LAND AT CHICORY BEND, SACRAMENTO RIVER, CITY OF SACRAMENTO

BACKGROUND:

The Commission, at two previous meetings, approved a proposed settlement of litigation and boundary line agreement together with the purchase of a portion of the property with Kapiloff Land Bank funds, along with additional rights for future acquisition, involving lands at Chicory Bend along the Sacramento River within the City of Sacramento. The proposed settlement was contingent upon certain legal contingencies which did not occur, and the settlement failed as a result. The underlying litigation, commonly referred to as "the Lovelace litigation", is still pending in Sacramento Superior Court. This settlement would also dismiss a CEQA lawsuit filed against the City.

A new settlement is proposed for Commission consideration which would involve the following elements:

- 1. The subject property would be purchased from Lovelace by the State of California and third parties for a price of \$1,100,000, contingent upon obtaining the necessary third party funds to make the purchase possible.
 - a. Of that amount, the Commission would contribute \$400,000 from Kapiloff Land Bank funds;
 - b. Third parties would contribute \$700,000 toward the aggregate purchase price from their respective funding sources. The parties to the litigation would agree to jointly and aggressively pursue such third party funding.
- The parties would jointly communicate the existence of the tentative settlement to the Sacramento County Superior Court, together with a

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request that the current trial date be vacated, and all pretrail deadlines be suspended. Upon close of escrow, both lawsuits would be dismissed with prejudice.

- The proposed settlement is intended to be comprehensive in nature, fully addressing and disposing of all claims of the parties.
- 4. The City of Sacramento has asked for a 49 year public agency lease of the parcel assigned to be managed as a part of the Sacramento River Greenway.

EXHIBIT:

A. Site Map

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

- 1. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 AS A STATUTORILY EXEMPT PROJECT PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION. 21080.11, SETTLEMENT OF TITLE AND BOUNDARY PROBLEMS.
- 2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION ENCOMPASSING THE TERMS OUTLINED IN THIS ITEM.
- 3. ACTING AS LAND BANK TRUSTEES, AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$400,000 AS PART OF THE PURCHASE PRICE FOR THE "LOVELACE" PARCEL AT CHICORY BEND.
- 4. AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CONCLUDE THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING DRAFTING AND EXECUTION OF DETAILED SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS, COURT APPEARANCES, RECORDING OF DOCUMENTS, AND OTHER ACTIONS AS REQUIRED.

