MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. $\underline{C56}$ was approved as Minute Item No. $\underline{S6}$ by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of $\underline{3}$ to \underline{C} at its $\underline{6-14}$ $\underline{-99}$ meeting.

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CONSIDERATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROJECT

APPLICANT:

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City of South Lake Tahoe Mr. Chuck Taylor 1900 Lake Tahoe Blvd. South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

AUTHORIZATION:

Grant of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to aid in the construction of the Rocky Point Erosion Control Project in South Lake Tahoe.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- 1. In 1988, during low water conditions, unauthorized dredging and disposal was performed at the foot of Ski Run Boulevard. Portions of the spoils were placed in front of a portion of the Tahoe Meadows Subdivision, located immediately to the east of the dredging site. Legal actions were brought by the State Lands Commission and the US Army Corps of Engineers for illegal dredging and clean up of the spoils. The removal of the spoils became impossible when the lake water elevations rose and inundated the spoils. Consequently the money that would have been spent for their removal was placed into a mitigation fund, established in 1996, for future environmental uses in the area.
- 2. The City of South Lake Tahoe is constructing the Rocky Point Erosion Control Project in the eastern portion of South Lake Tahoe, an area bounded by Fern Road, Tahoe Meadows Subdivision, US Highway 50, Larch Avenue, the eastern city limits and Aspenwald Road.
- 3. The project area is a single family dwelling neighborhood with a poor storm drainage collection system. The lack of an adequate system causes surface flows over streets, driveways and parking areas where large amounts of pollutants are incorporated into the flows. Ultimately much of this polluted and untreated water drains into Lake Tahoe. (It is proposed that money from the mitigation fund be used for this project.)

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- The Applicant's project is a multi-phased. Phase One has been completed. Phase Two deals with current conditions causing water to flow into the Tahoe Meadows Subdivision "north ditch", a man-modified culvert which El Dorado County created to eliminate flooding during the 1940's. The untreated water in the "north ditch" flows directly into Lake Tahoe. Concrete gutters and curbs will be constructed along roadways to direct surface flow into basins and treatment of the stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces will be through infiltration and retention in vegetated basins. The anticipated result will be the discharge of much less polluted water into Lake Tahoe through the "north ditch."
- 5. Commission staff have met with representatives of the City of South Lake Tahoe Conservancy and the Tahoe Meadows Subdivision and reviewed the project. It is staff's belief that the completion of Phase Two of the project will have direct benefits to the water quality of Lake Tahoe while also benefiting the Tahoe Meadows and Rocky Point Subdivisions and that the use of the funds is consistent with the Public Trust and the purposes of the mitigation fund.
- 6. A Negative Declaration (SCH# 99012006) was prepared and adopted for this project by the City of South Lake Tahoe. The California State Lands Commission's staff has reviewed such document.

EXHIBIT:

A: Site Map

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS PREPARED AND ADOPTED FOR THE PROJECT BY THE CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE THE GRANT OF \$160,000 TO THE CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE TO FUND A PORTION OF PHASE TWO OF THE ROCKY POINT EROSION CONTROL PROJECT.

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