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GENERAL LEASE – RECREATIONAL USE

APPLICANTS:

Donald E. Bischoff and June E. Bischoff, Trustees, or the Successor Trustee, under the Donald E. and June E. Bischoff Revocable Inter Vivos Trust dated 9/30/82 and Amended 3/25/91

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign land in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 1510 North Lake Boulevard, near Tahoe City, Placer County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

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

LEASE TERM:

10 years, beginning March 29, 2012.

CONSIDERATION:

\$1,956 per year, with the State reserving the right to fix a different rent periodically during the lease term as provided in the lease.

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 after 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

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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 amended ordinance issues.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- 1. Applicants own the uplands adjoining the lease premises.
- On April 24, 2001, the Commission authorized a Recreational Pier Lease with Donald E. Bischoff and June E. Bischoff. That lease expired on December 31, 2010. The upland parcel has since been deeded to Donald E. Bischoff and June E. Bischoff, Trustees, or the Successor Trustee, under the Donald E. and June E. Bischoff Revocable Inter Vivos Trust dated 9/30/82 and Amended 3/25/91. The 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 is 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.

The Applicants do not qualify for an exception and the lease is subject to rent because the application was received after March 31, 2011.

4. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15061), the staff has determined 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).

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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 Donald E. Bischoff and June E. Bischoff, Trustees, or the Successor Trustee, under the Donald E. and June E. Bischoff Revocable Inter Vivos Trust dated 9/30/82 and Amended 3/25/91, beginning March 29, 2012, for a term of 10 years, for the continued use and maintenance of an existing pier, boat lift, and two mooring buoys 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 \$1,956, with the State reserving the right to fix a different rent periodically during the lease term, as provided in the lease; and liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000.

EXHIBIT A

LAND DESCRIPTION

Three (3) parcels of submerged land situate in the bed of Lake Tahoe, lying adjacent to Lot 5 of fractional Section 5, Township 15 North, Range 17 East, MDM., as shown on Official Government Township Plat approved November 9, 1866, County of Placer, State of California, and more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1 – PIER

All those lands underlying an existing pier, and boat lift adjacent to Lot 4 as described in that Grant Deed recorded December 21, 2004 as Document Number 2004-0170589 in Official Records of said County.

ALL TOGETHER WITH a ten foot use area.

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

PARCELS 2 & 3 – BUOYS

Two (2) circular parcels of land, each being 50 feet in diameter, underlying two (2) existing buoys lying adjacent to Lot 4 as described in that Grant Deed recorded December 21, 2004 as Document Number 2004-0170589 in Official Records of said County.

Accompanying plat is hereby made part of this description.

END OF DESCRIPTION

Prepared December 27, 2011 by the California State Lands Commission Boundary Unit.



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