

**CALENDAR ITEM
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GENERAL LEASE – RECREATIONAL USE

APPLICANT:

Christine S. Davis, as Trustee of the Christine S. Davis Trust under Agreement dated October 29, 2007 and C. Geoffrey Davis, as Trustee of the C. Geoffrey Davis Trust under Agreement dated April 9, 2008

PROPOSED LEASE:

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign land located in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 7780 North Lake Boulevard, near Kings Beach, Placer County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Continued use and maintenance of two existing mooring buoys.

LEASE TERM:

10 years, beginning February 9, 2016.

CONSIDERATION:

\$754 per year, with an annual Consumer Price Index adjustment.

SPECIFIC LEASE PROVISIONS:

Liability insurance in an amount no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

If Lessee does not have valid Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) buoy permits, Lessee is required to obtain such authorization 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. If Lessee is unable to obtain such authorization within the time limit, they must remove the buoys.

Lessee expressly acknowledges and agrees that issuance of a lease does not substitute for, or provide preference in, obtaining authorizations from

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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, and 6503.5; California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 2000, subdivision (b).

Public Trust and State's Best Interests Analysis:

The two buoys are for the mooring of boats. 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 lands (Pub. Resources Code, § 6503.5).

The proposed lease includes certain provisions protecting the public use of the proposed lease area, including a lease term limited to 10 years and a non-exclusive use provision. There is a pier in the public trust easement at this location that does not extend lakeward of the low water mark onto the state's fee-owned land and is therefore not an improvement subject to this lease. However, the lease does prohibit storage of items or construction of improvements within the public trust easement that would impair public use and access within the easement area.

The two buoys have existed for many years at this location. The subject facilities do not significantly alter the land and the lease does not alienate the state's fee simple interest or permanently impair public rights. Upon termination of the lease, the Lessee may be required to remove all improvements and restore the lease premises to their original condition. Additionally, the two buoys occupy a relatively small area of the lake. Based on the foregoing, Commission staff believes that the two mooring buoys will not substantially interfere with public trust needs at this location, at this time, or for the foreseeable term of the proposed lease.

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.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Applicant owns the upland adjoining the lease premises.
2. On February 9, 2006, the Commission authorized a Recreational Pier Lease to Claude G. Davis and Christine S. Davis, as trustees of the Davis Family Trust, under agreement dated 03-10-00. That lease expired on February 8, 2016. Since issuance of the lease, interest in the upland has been deeded to Christine S. Davis, as Trustee of the Christine S. Davis Trust under Agreement dated October 29, 2007, and C. Geoffrey Davis, as Trustee of the C. Geoffrey Davis Trust under agreement dated April 9, 2008. The Applicant is now applying for a General Lease – Recreational Use.
3. 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.
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).

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

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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 at this time, 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 Christine S. Davis, as Trustee of the Christine S. Davis Trust under Agreement dated October 29, 2007 and C. Geoffrey Davis, as Trustee of the C. Geoffrey Davis Trust under Agreement dated April 9, 2008, beginning February 9, 2016, for a term of 10 years, for the continued use and maintenance of two existing 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 \$754 with an annual Consumer Price Index adjustment; and liability insurance in an amount no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

EXHIBIT A

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LAND DESCRIPTION

Two (2) parcels of submerged land situate in the bed of Lake Tahoe, lying adjacent to Lot 1 fractional Section 13, 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:

Two (2) circular parcels of land, being 50 feet in diameter, underlying two (2) existing buoys lying adjacent to that parcel as described in that Trust Transfer Deed recorded November 17, 2014 in Document Number 2014-0081414 of Official Records of said County.

Accompanying plat is hereby made part of this description.

END OF DESCRIPTION

Prepared April 11, 2016 by the California State Lands Commission Boundary Unit.



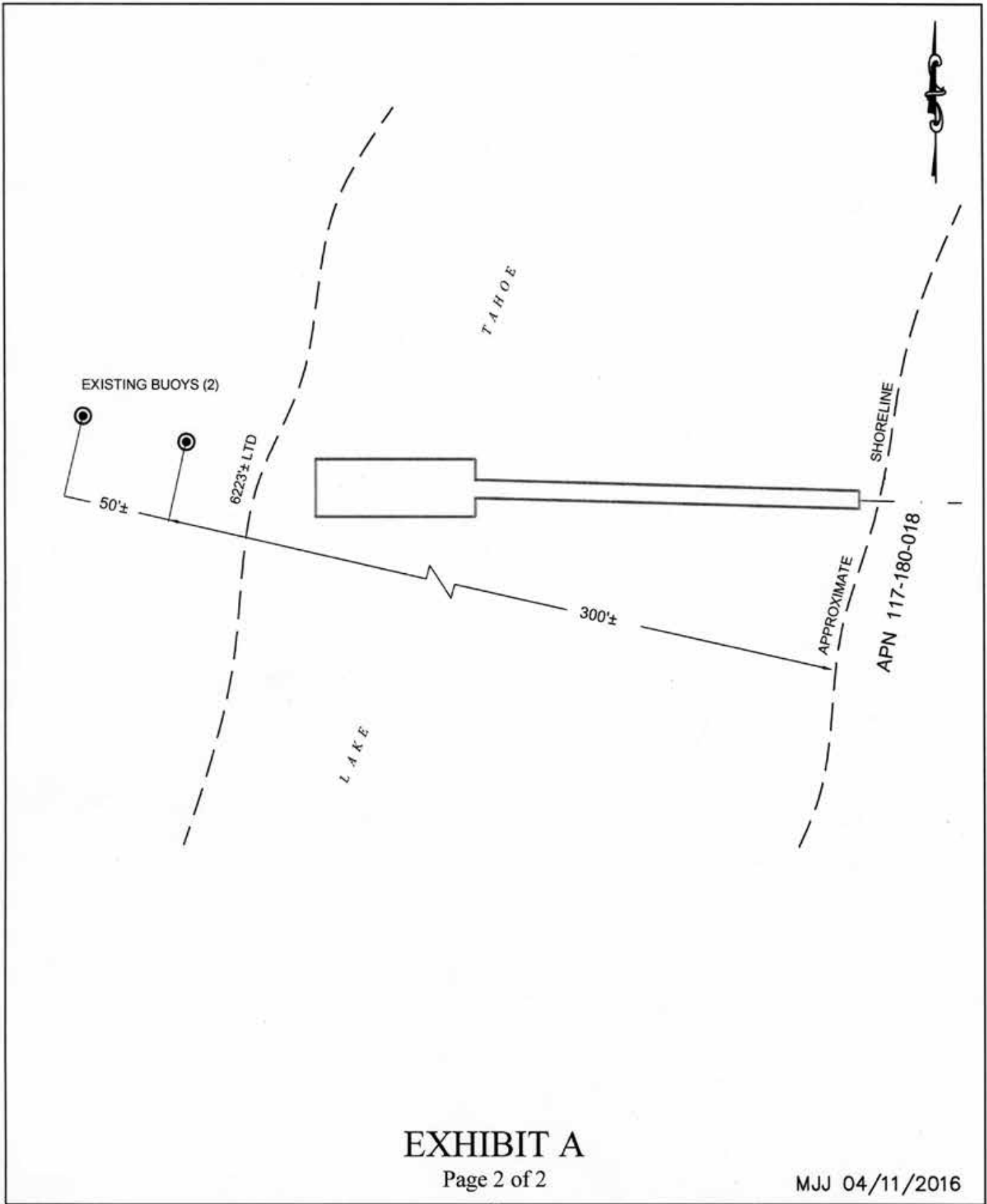


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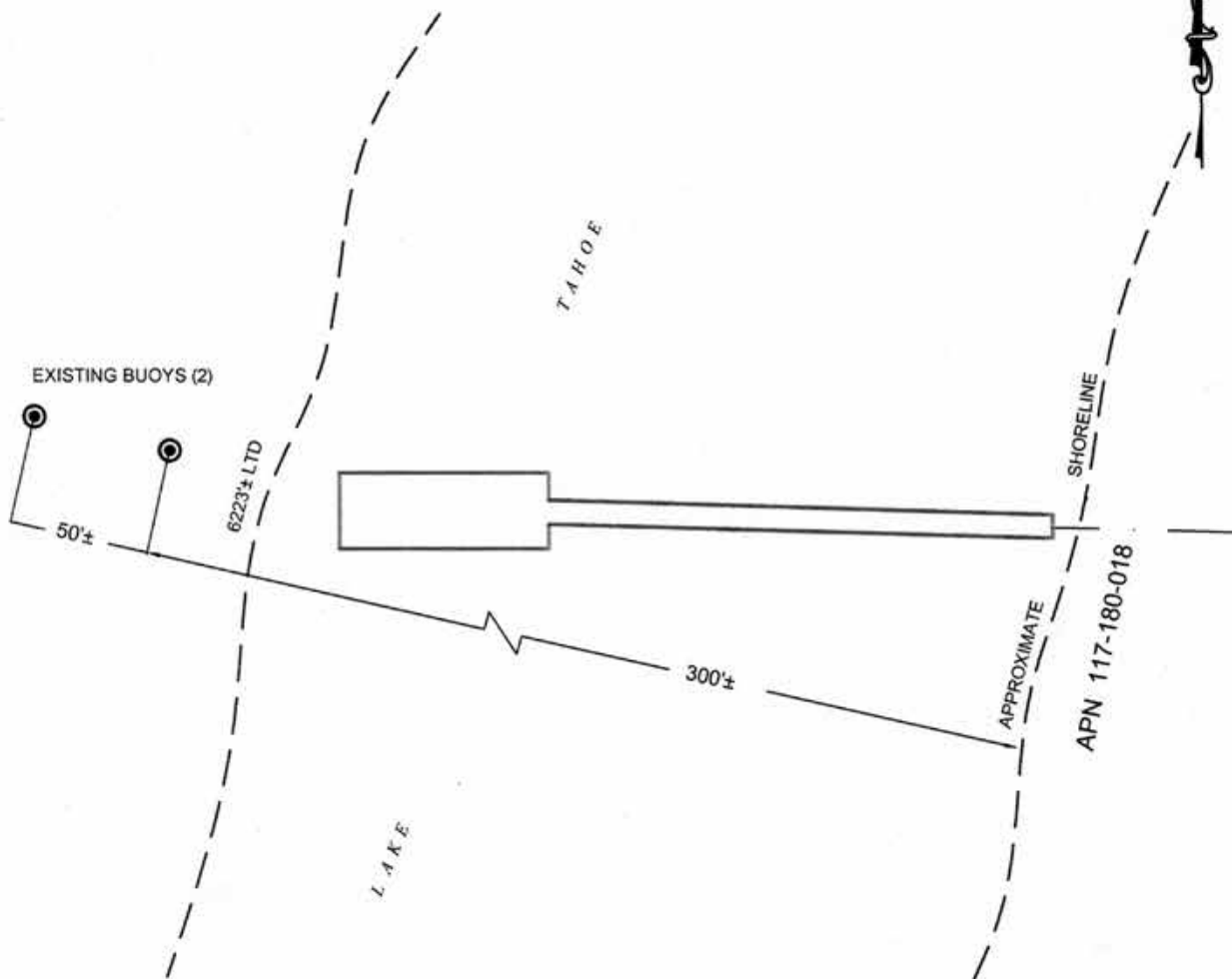
LAND DESCRIPTION PLAT
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CALIFORNIA STATE
 LANDS COMMISSION



NO SCALE

SITE



7780 NORTH LAKE BLVD., NEAR KINGS BEACH

NO SCALE

LOCATION



MAP SOURCE: USGS QUAD

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.

Exhibit B

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