

**STAFF REPORT  
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**GENERAL LEASE – RECREATIONAL USE**

**APPLICANT:**

Kenneth Lee Christie and Gail Bain Christie, as Trustees of the Kenneth Lee Christie and Gail Bain Christie Living Trust, dated May 24, 2017; and Ross A. Robinson and Vicki J. Robinson, as Trustees of the Robinson Trust, dated September 2, 2016

**PROPOSED LEASE:**

*AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:*

Sovereign land in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 3990 North Lake Boulevard, near Carnelian Bay, Placer County

*AUTHORIZED USE:*

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

*LEASE TERM:*

10 years beginning March 23, 2019.

*CONSIDERATION:*

\$1,223 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 permit, Lessee is required to obtain such authorization for the mooring buoys within 2 years after the certification of a Final Environmental Impact Statement 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 may be required to remove the buoys.

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- 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.
- Lessee shall not store any personal items or construct any improvements in the Public Trust easement which may impair the public uses of access, navigation, fishing and lake-related recreational uses.

### **STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION:**

#### **Authority:**

Public Resources Code sections 6005, 6216, 6301, 6501.1, 6503, and 6503.5; California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 2000 and 2003.

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

On August 11, 2009, the Commission authorized a Recreational Pier Lease, Lease No. PRC 4143.9, for the continued use and maintenance of an existing pier and two mooring buoys to Ken Christie, Gail Christie, Ross A. Robinson, and Vicki J. Robinson ([Item C06, August 11, 2009](#)). Since that time, the lessee has transferred ownership of the upland parcel to the Applicant's trusts. The lease will expire on March 22, 2019.

The Applicant owns the uplands adjoining the lease premises. The subject facilities are privately owned and maintained. The pier and two mooring buoys are used for the docking and 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 land (Pub. Resources Code, § 6503.5).

The pier and two mooring buoys have existed for many years at this location. The pier is built on a rock crib with the immediate area of the pier surrounded by pebbles and small boulders. The topography and location of upland structures provide access for the pier and allow the public to navigate around or walk next to or over the pier within the Public Trust easement. The buoys are located directly lakeward of the upland property and occupy 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 and 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 from State land 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, staff believes the issuance of this lease will not substantially interfere with Public Trust needs at this location, at this time, and for the foreseeable term of the proposed lease; and is 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 land along the State's inland and coastal waterways.
2. On October 24, 2018, the TRPA Governing Board certified a new Final Environmental Impact Statement and adopted Lake Tahoe Shorezone Ordinance Amendments.
3. 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.

**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, and for the foreseeable term of the lease; is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine; and is in the best interests of the State.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize issuance of a General Lease – Recreational Use to the Applicant beginning March 23, 2019, for a term of 10 years, for the continued use and maintenance of an existing pier 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 \$1,223, with an annual Consumer Price Index adjustment; and liability insurance in an amount no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

**EXHIBIT A**

**PRC 4143.1**

**LAND DESCRIPTION**

Three parcels of submerged land situate in the bed of Lake Tahoe, lying adjacent to Lot 2 of fractional Section 28, 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:

**PARCEL 1 – PIER**

All those lands underlying an existing pier, and catwalk lying adjacent to that lot as described in that Grant Deed as Document Number 2017-0042083-00 recorded June 8, 2017 as in Official Records of said County.

TOGETHER WITH any applicable impact area(s).

**PARCEL 2, 3 – BUOYS**

Two circular parcels of land being 50 feet in diameter, underlying two existing buoys lying adjacent to said lot.

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

Accompanying plat is hereby made part of this description.

**END OF DESCRIPTION**

Prepared October 29, 2018 by the California State Lands Commission Boundary Unit.



NO SCALE



APN 092-142-004

SHORELINE

APPROXIMATE

146±

6223± LTD

EXISTING CATWALK  
3' X 16'

9' IMPACT AREA

EXISTING PIER

EXISTING BUOYS (2)

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LAND DESCRIPTION PLAT  
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LANDS COMMISSION



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# SITE

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SHORELINE

APPROXIMATE

146'±

6223'± LTD

EXISTING CATWALK  
3' X 16'

9' IMPACT AREA

12'  
32'

EXISTING PIER

L A K E

T A H O E

84'

154'

EXISTING BUOYS (2)

3990 NORTH LAKE BLVD., CARNELIAN BAY



NO SCALE

# LOCATION

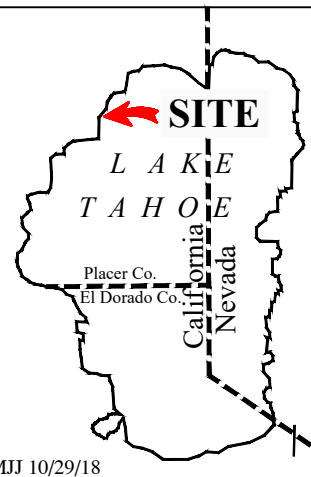


MAP SOURCE: USGS QUAD

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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ROBINSON & CHRISTIE TRUSTS  
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