

**CALENDAR ITEM  
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**GENERAL LEASE – RECREATIONAL USE**

**APPLICANT:**

Ernest F. Grether, Jr., Trustee of the Grether Residence Trust dated  
May 9, 2003

**AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:**

Sovereign land in Huntington Harbour, adjacent to 16795 Bolero Lane, city of  
Huntington Beach, Orange County.

**AUTHORIZED USE:**

The continued use and maintenance of an existing boat dock and access ramp;  
and the retention of an existing cantilevered deck extending no more than five  
feet waterward of the bulkhead.

**LEASE TERM:**

Ten years, beginning November 30, 2007.

**CONSIDERATION:**

Boat dock and access ramp: No monetary consideration pursuant to Public  
Resources Code section 6503.5.

Cantilevered deck: Annual rent in the amount of \$900, 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:

Combined single limit liability insurance coverage in the amount of no less  
than \$1,000,000.

Other:

No permanent roof or other enclosure will be constructed on the Lease  
Premises. Applicant agrees that any proposed use of the Lease Premises  
that includes a residential extension of the actual living quarters  
constitutes residential use and is prohibited.

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**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. Applicant owns the uplands adjoining the lease premises.
2. The State of California acquired fee ownership of the Huntington Harbour Main and Midway Channels in 1961 as a result of a land exchange entered into and recorded as Boundary Line Agreement 18, between the Commission and the Huntington Harbour Corporation. Appurtenances extending into these Channels are subject to lease pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6501, et seq. The Applicant's upland property is located along the Main Channel of Huntington Harbour.
3. On November 7, 1997, the Commission authorized the issuance of a Recreational Pier Lease, PRC 3855.9, to Ernest Fred Grether, Jr., as Trustee of the Community Property Trust, as described in instrument entitled Amended Declaration of Trust – Ernest Fred Grether, Jr. and Margaret Ruth Read Grether, dated February 12, 1981, executed by Ernest Fred Grether, Jr. and Margaret Ruth Read Grether as Trustors for a ten-year term, effective November 30, 1997. The lease expired on November 29, 2007. The Applicant is now applying for a new General Lease – Recreational Use for the existing boat dock and access ramp as well as for the existing cantilevered deck, not previously authorized by the Commission. A five-foot portion of the cantilevered deck extends over the State's fee ownership in the Main Channel of Huntington Harbour. Since the deck is existing, staff is recommending that it be included in the lease.
4. The existing boat dock and access ramp qualify for rent-free status as the Applicant is a natural person who owns the littoral land improved with a single-family dwelling.
5. The cantilevered deck does not qualify for rent-free status because it is not used for the mooring of boats. Therefore, that portion of the deck extending over State fee ownership within the Harbour is subject to annual rent.
6. **Existing Boat Dock and Access Ramp:** Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 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; Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905 (a)(2).

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Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300 and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905.

7. **Cantilevered Deck:** Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 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 3, New Construction of Small Structures; Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15303.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300.

8. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Location and Site Map
- B. Land Description

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the Commission:

**CEQA FINDING:**

**EXISTING BOAT DOCK AND ACCESS RAMP:** Find that the activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061 as a categorically exempt project, Class 1, Existing Facilities; Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905 (a)(2).

**CANTILEVERED DECK:** Find that the activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061 as a categorically exempt project, Class 3, New Construction Small Structures; Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15303.

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**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 sections 6370, et seq.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize issuance of a General Lease Recreational - Use to Ernest Fred Grether Jr., Trustee of the Grether Residence Trust dated May 9, 2003, beginning November 30, 2007, for a term of ten years, for the continued use and maintenance of an existing boat dock, access ramp, and retention of an existing cantilevered deck as shown on Exhibit A attached (for reference purposes only) and described on Exhibit B attached and by this reference made a part hereof; consideration for the boat dock and access ramp, no monetary consideration pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6503.5; consideration for the cantilevered deck, annual rent in the amount of \$900, with the State reserving the right to fix a different rent periodically during the lease term, as provided in the lease; combined single limit liability insurance coverage in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000.