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### **GENERAL LEASE – RECREATIONAL USE**

#### **APPLICANTS:**

John Charles Hodge and Stacey Keare, as Trustees of the Hodge/Keare Family Trust dated 11/8/01, as amended and restated

#### AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign land in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 5340 North Lake Boulevard, near Carnelian Bay, Placer County.

#### AUTHORIZED USE:

Continued use and maintenance of an existing pier, boat lift, and one mooring buoy.

#### LEASE TERM:

10 years, beginning August 14, 2012.

#### CONSIDERATION:

No monetary consideration pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6503.5.

#### 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 buoy within two years of 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 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 ordinance issues.

#### **OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. Applicants own the upland parcel adjoining the lease premises.

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- 2. On November 26, 2001, the Commission authorized a Recreational Pier Lease with John C. Hodge and Stacey Keare. That lease expired on August 8, 2010. On February 8, 2007, the Lessees deeded the upland property to John Charles Hodge and Stacey Keare, as Trustees of the Hodge/Keare Family Trust dated 11/8/01, as amended and restated. 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 became 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.

Because the application and fees were submitted to the Commission prior to March 31, 2011, the lease meets the statutory requirements for an exception to recently-enacted changes to Section 6503.5 of the Public Resources Code for the term of this lease.

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

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

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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 John Charles Hodge and Stacey Keare, as Trustees of the Hodge/Keare Family Trust dated 11/8/01, as amended and restated, beginning August 14, 2012, for a term of 10 years, for the continued use and maintenance of an existing pier, boat lift and one mooring buoy described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B (for reference purposes only) attached and by this reference made a part hereof; no monetary consideration pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6503.5; and liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000.

# EXHIBIT A

## LAND DESCRIPTION

A parcel of submerged land, situate in the bed of Lake Tahoe, lying adjacent to Lot 2 of fractional Section 22, Township 16 North, Range 17 East, MDM, as shown on the Official Township Plat, approved November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1865, County of Placer, State of California, and more particularly described as follows:

#### Parcel 1 - Pier

All those lands underlying an existing pier, catwalk, and boat lift adjacent to "Parcel Three" as described in that Trust Transfer Deed recorded September 14, 2005 as Document Number 2005-0123127 in Official Records of said County.

TOGETHER WITH a ten (10) foot use area.

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

#### Parcel 2 - Buoy

A circular parcel of land, being 50 feet in diameter, underlying an existing buoy, adjacent to "Parcel Three" as described in that Trust Transfer Deed recorded September 14, 2005 as Document Number 2005-0123127 in Official Records of said County.

Accompanying plat is hereby made a part of this description.

# END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED 6/28/12 BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION BOUNDARY UNIT





