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GENERAL LEASE – RECREATIONAL USE

APPLICANT:

The 628 Olympic Partnership, L.P., a California Limited Partnership

PROPOSED LEASE:

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign land in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 628 Olympic Drive, near Tahoe City, Placer County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Use and maintenance of two existing mooring buoys not previously authorized by the Commission.

LEASE TERM:

10 years, beginning April 5, 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 a valid Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) buoy permit, Lessee is required to obtain such authorization for the mooring buoys within two years after the adoption 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 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 TRPA or any other regulatory agency for the improvements authorized by the Commission.

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STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Statutory 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 subject facilities are 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 lands (Pub. Resources Code, § 6503.5).

The subject buoys have existed for many years at this location. The buoys are located lakeward of the upland property and occupy a relatively small area of the lake. The upland is privately owned and the subject buoys are privately maintained by the upland owner.

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, does not grant the lessee exclusive rights to the lease premises, and reserves an easement to the public for public trust consistent uses. Upon termination of the lease, the Lessee may be required to removal all improvements from State land.

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 payment of annual rent to compensate the people of the State for the use of public land. For all the reasons above, Commission staff believes the issuance of this lease is consistent with the common law public trust doctrine, 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. Applicant owns the upland adjoining the lease premises.
- 2. The two existing mooring buoys were never authorized but have existed at this location for many years. The Applicant is now applying for a General Lease Recreational Use.
- 3. This proposed action is consistent with Strategy 1.1 to deliver the highest levels of public health and safety in the protection, preservation, and

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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

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, 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.

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AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize issuance of a General Lease – Recreational Use to The 628 Olympic Partnership, L.P., a California Limited Partnership, beginning April 5, 2016, for a term of 10 years, for the use and maintenance of two existing mooring buoys not previously authorized by the Commission, 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 lands situated in the bed of Lake Tahoe, lying adjacent to Lot 7 of fractional Section 7, Township 15 North, Range 17 East, M.D.B.&M., as shown on Official Government Township Plat approved November 9, 1866, County of Placer, State of California, more particularly described as follows:

PARCELS 1 & 2-BUOYS

Two circular parcels of land, each being 50 feet in diameter, underlying two existing buoys lying adjacent to that parcel described in Grant Deed recorded December 21, 1999 as Document Number 1999-0108152 in Official Records of said County.

Accompanying plat is hereby made part of this description.

END OF DESCRIPTION

Prepared 03/03/2016 by the California State Lands Commission Boundary Unit.





