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**ISSUANCE OF A GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE**

**APPLICANT:**

Suisun Resource Conservation District  
2544 Grizzly Island Road  
Suisun, California 94585

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

0.03 acres, more or less, of sovereign lands in Goodyear Slough, near the city of Benicia, Solano County.

**AUTHORIZED USE:**

Retention, use and maintenance of an existing floating boat dock and walkway, as shown on Exhibit A.

**LEASE TERM:**

Ten years, beginning October 1, 2007.

**CONSIDERATION:**

The public use and benefit; with the State reserving the right at any time to set a monetary rent if the Commission finds such action to be in the State's best interest.

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. Applicant has the right to use the uplands adjoining the lease premises.
2. In 2000, the Applicant acquired the dock facility and subsequently replaced it in 2002. The facility is used by the Applicant as an access point for transportation of personnel and materials to Lower Joice Island, which is a part of the Suisun Marsh. The Applicant's objective for the Lower Joice Island Marshland is to conduct restoration and management activities and provide an educational setting and outreach to the public. The Applicant is now applying for a General Lease – Public Agency Use.

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3. 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 the CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 3, New Construction of Small Structures; Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905 (c)(1).

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

4. 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 the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Site Map
- B. Land Description

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

**CEQA FINDING:**

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 3, NEW CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL STRUCTURES; TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 2905 (c)(1).

**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 - PUBLIC AGENCY USE TO SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007, FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS, FOR THE RETENTION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF AN EXISTING FLOATING

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BOAT DOCK AND WALKWAY AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A AND AS DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT B ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF; CONSIDERATION BEING THE PUBLIC USE AND BENEFIT, WITH THE STATE RESERVING THE RIGHT AT ANY TIME TO SET A MONETARY RENT IF THE COMMISSION FINDS SUCH ACTION TO BE IN THE STATE'S BEST INTEREST.