

**CALENDAR ITEM  
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**GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE**

**APPLICANT:**

City of Firebaugh  
1133 P Street  
Firebaugh, California 93622

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

Sovereign lands in the San Joaquin River, city of Firebaugh, Fresno County.

**AUTHORIZED USE:**

Construction and maintenance of bank protection along a 300± foot section of the west bank of the San Joaquin River.

**LEASE TERM:**

Ten years, beginning March 1, 2010.

**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 owns the uplands adjoining the lease premises.
2. The city of Firebaugh (City) is proposing to stabilize a 300± foot section of the west bank of the San Joaquin River (River) located adjacent to the Andrew Firebaugh Community Center. The bank of the River at this location has eroded as a result of high waters and flooding that occurred in 2006. The project is intended to stabilize the bank and protect it from future flood events.

The project will consist of the installation of approximately 300 linear feet of sheet piling with a concrete cap at the toe of the bank. Approximately 1,200 cubic yards of fill material (875 cubic yards excavated from the

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River channel) will be placed behind the sheet piling. Wire mesh baskets (known as a Reno Mattress System) filled with approximately 120 cubic yards of rock will be placed on top of the sheet piling. The Reno Mattress System allows the voids between the rocks to become filled with silt, promoting vegetation growth. Construction equipment will use a portion of a bluff top recreational trail that was damaged during the 2006 flood event. This portion of the trail will be repaved upon completion of the bank repair project.

The City's project will also include removal of concrete debris that has been dumped down the bank over the years. The equipment used to remove the debris will be located on the bank, and the concrete will be disposed of off-site.

The area will be restored pursuant to a Revegetation Plan that will be reviewed and approved in advance of construction by staffs of the Commission and the California Department of Fish and Game.

3. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for this project by the city of Firebaugh (SCH #2008071141) on October 20, 2008. Commission staff has reviewed such document.

A Mitigation Monitoring Program was adopted by the City of Firebaugh on October 20, 2008.

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

**APPROVALS OBTAINED:**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
California Department of Fish and Game  
Central Valley Flood Protection Board

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Location and Site Map
- B. Land Description
- C. Mitigation Monitoring Program

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the Commission:

**CEQA FINDING:**

Find that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH #2008071141) and a Mitigation Monitoring Program were prepared and adopted for this project by the city of Firebaugh on October 20, 2008, and that the Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained therein.

Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Program, attached as Exhibit C hereto.

**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 the City of Firebaugh beginning March 1, 2010, for a term of ten years, for construction and maintenance of bank protection as shown on Exhibit A (for reference purposes only) and 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.