

**CALENDAR ITEM  
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J. Porter

**GENERAL LEASE - RIGHT-OF-WAY USE**

**APPLICANT:**

Imperial Irrigation District  
P.O. Box 937  
Imperial, CA 92251

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

7.7 acres, more or less, of State school lands located in Section 36, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, SBM, near Niland, Imperial County.

**AUTHORIZED USE:**

Continued use and maintenance of an existing 161 Kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission line, 10 two-pole wood support structures, and an unimproved access road.

**LEASE TERM:**

20 years, beginning July 1, 2011.

**CONSIDERATION:**

\$191 per year, 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:  
Liability insurance of no less than \$1,000,000.

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. On July 12, 1966, the Commission authorized a right-of-way lease to Imperial Irrigation District (IID) for a term of 49 years with a beginning date of July 1, 1962. That lease expired on June 30, 2011. IID is now applying for a new General Lease – Right-of-Way Use.

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2. The improvements within the lease premises consist of an overhead 161 kV electrical transmission line, 10 two-pole wood support structures, and an unimproved access road.
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 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).

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 which have NOT been identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370, et seq. However, the Commission has declared that all lands are "significant" by nature of their public ownership (as opposed to "environmentally significant"). Since such declaration of significance is not based upon the requirements and criteria of Public Resources Code section 6370, et seq., use classifications for such lands have not been designated. Therefore, the finding of the project's consistency with the use classification as required by Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2954 is not applicable.

**EXHIBITS:**

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the Commission:

**CEQA FINDING:**

Find that this activity is exempt from the requirements of 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).

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize issuance of a General Lease – Right-of-Way Use to Imperial Irrigation District, beginning July 1, 2011, for a term of 20 years, for the continued use and maintenance of an existing 161 kV overhead

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transmission line, 10 two-pole wood support structures, and an unimproved access road, for the lands as shown on Exhibit A (for reference purposes only) and as described on Exhibit B, both attached and by this reference made a part hereof; annual rent in the amount of \$191 with the State reserving the right to fix a different rent periodically during the lease term as provided in the lease; and liability insurance with coverage of no less than \$1,000,000.