



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Parks Make Life Better!"

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE EXTENSION
OF THE CASTAIC LAKE OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
AGREEMENT NUMBER 15764
(DISTRICT 5)(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting the Board's approval and authorization to extend the term of Agreement Number 15764 with the State of California on a month-to-month basis, for a maximum of 24 months, to allow the Department of Parks and Recreation and the State of California to complete negotiations for a new operating agreement.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed approval of the month-to-month extension of the current Operating Agreement Number 15764 is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and the record of the agreement extension.
2. Approve and authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to execute an extension letter, substantially similar to the attached, to extend the current Agreement Number 15764 for the management, operation, and maintenance of the Castaic Lake State Recreation Area on a month-to-month basis, not to exceed 24 months, in order to complete negotiations with the State of California for a new Agreement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

An Operating Agreement (Agreement) was entered into on November 18, 1969 by and between the County of Los Angeles (County) and the State of California's (State) Department of Parks and Recreation and Department of Water Resources for the management, operation, and maintenance of the Castaic Lake State Recreation Area (Castaic Lake) for a period of 50 years. The current Agreement will expire on November 17, 2019.

The County and the State have been diligently working on a new Agreement for the past year. Based on the involvement of the State Department of Parks and Recreation, the State Department of Water Resources, and the County, the negotiations require additional time to ensure that the maximum recreational opportunities are provided to the public. The attached extension letter has been approved by the State in collaboration with the County.

The current Agreement between the State and the County authorizes the County to operate and maintain Castaic Lake and to provide recreational activities including, but not limited to: boating activities, fishing, water skiing, personal watercraft, windsurfing, swimming, non-motorized boating, hiking, mountain biking, overnight camping, picnicking, and special events.

Approval of the recommended action to extend the Agreement, on a month-to-month basis, will assure the continued management, operation, and maintenance of Castaic Lake until negotiations can be completed.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the County's Strategic Plan Goals to Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities by supporting the wellness of our Communities (Goal II), and to Realize Tomorrow's Government Today by pursuing operational effectiveness, fiscal responsibility, and accountability (Goal III).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended action does not require additional funding. The County does not receive any funding from the State. Under the current Agreement, sufficient appropriation is budgeted in the Department's Operating Budget to fund the costs to manage, operate, and maintain Castaic Lake.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5080.30 of the Public Resources Code of the State, the State may enter into contracts with political subdivisions of the State for the care, maintenance, and control of lands under the jurisdiction of the State, for the purposes of the State Park System.

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with said provisions.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the attached letter as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed approval of the Agreement Extension is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Agreement extension, which permits the County for the management, operation, and maintenance of the Castaic Lake for a month-to-month term, for a maximum of 24 months, is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a

significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(r) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Agreement Extension consists of the management, operation, and maintenance of existing public facilities.

In addition, based on the proposed agreement records, the Agreement Extension will comply with all applicable regulations, it is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Upon your Board's approval of the recommended actions, DPR will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracting process does not apply since the proposed action, pursuant to the requirements of California Government Code Section 37396, is in the public interest and will enhance community service by providing recreational opportunities for residents of the County of Los Angeles.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this action will ensure continued services for the operation and maintenance of the Castaic Lake State Recreation Area.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that three (3) adopted copies of the action taken by the Board be forwarded to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

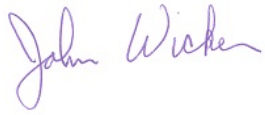
Should you have any questions, please contact Sandra Salazar at (626) 588-5266 or ssalazar@parks.lacounty.gov, Ruben Lopez at (626) 588-5300 or at rlopez@parks.lacounty.gov, Kimberly Rios at (626) 588-5368 or krios@parks.lacounty.gov or Nicole Biglarian at (626) 588-5367 or nbiglarian@parks.lacounty.gov.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Enclosures

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County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



August 6, 2019

Mr. John Wicker, Director
Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation
1000 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

Dear Mr. Wicker

As you know, the State of California, Acting through the Department of Parks and Recreation (State) and the County of Los Angeles (County) have an Operating Agreement (Agreement) to operate Castaic Lake State Recreation Area. The current 50-year term initiated November 18, 1969 is due to expire November 19, 2019 and does not contain a holdover provision. Both the State and County have expressed a mutual interest to continue operations under a new Agreement.

Pending the completion of negotiations, the State and County desire to continue the current relationship under the existing 50-year Agreement.

If you concur to continue the existing Agreement pending the final outcome of a new Agreement, please sign in the space provided and return:

California State Department of Parks and Recreation
Partnerships Division
PO Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001
Attn: Dellene Kirschman

If you have any questions, please call or email Dellene Kirschman, Partnerships Division at (916) 653-6851 or Dellene.Kirschman@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ann L. Mangat
Director

Mr. John Wicker, Director
Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation
