

THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS:

The State of Georgia holds title to, and the Department of Natural Resources (hereinafter the "DNR") is the custodian of, approximately 1,070.534 acres of real property in Land Lots 228-229, 233-235, 271, 272, 275, 276, 313 and 314 of the 13th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, (hereinafter the "Premises"), as more fully described in the legal description attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS:

Proceeds from tax-exempt, general obligation bonds issued or guaranteed by the State of Georgia were spent, in whole or in part, on the Premises or improvements or appurtenant thereto, and said bonds have not been retired or defeased; and

WHEREAS:

Effective July 1, 2011, the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority was assigned to the Department of Agriculture by O.C.G.A. 2-3-3, and DNR has determined that custody and control of the above Premises need to be transferred to the Department of Agriculture with the exception of the 22.22 acre portion of the Premises upon which DNR operates the Go Fish Education Center (hereinafter the "Go Fish Tract"), as more fully described in the map attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS:

The Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority, at its meeting on August 8, 2012, approved the transfer of custody and control of the Premises, less and except the Go Fish Tract, to the Georgia Department of Agriculture, and requested the future transfer of the Go Fish Tract to the custody of Department of Agriculture if it ceases to be used as the Go Fish Education Center; and

WHEREAS:

The Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture on or about September 10, 2012, agreed to accept the transfer of custody of the Premises, less and except the Go Fish Tract, with the stipulation that the Department of Agriculture cannot take any action that may jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the State's general obligation bonds issued to finance the Premises (hereinafter the "Stipulation"); and

WHEREAS:

The Board of Natural Resources, by resolution dated January 23, 2013, accepted the recommendation by the staff of the DNR to transfer custody of the Premises, less and except the Go Fish Tract, to the Department of Agriculture subject to the Stipulation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED:

That custody of the above-defined Premises, less and except the Go Fish Tract, located in Houston County, Georgia be and the same is hereby transferred from the DNR to the Department of Agriculture, contingent upon the Department of Agriculture not taking any action that may jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the State's general obligation bonds issued to finance the Premises.

ORDERED:

That custody of the Go Fish Tract remains with the DNR and shall be operated as the Go Fish Education Center; provided that, should the Go Fish Tract cease to be operated as the Go Fish Education Center, DNR shall request the Board of Natural Resources to approve transferring custody of the Go Fish Tract to the Department of Agriculture.

This	1	day of	A,	pril	, 2013

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GOVERNOR					

ATTEST:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

EXHIBIT A

Legal Description

The Premises property is as described in the following deeds and plat: Deed from Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority (617± acres) on November 26, 1986 (inventoried in the State Properties Commission as Real Property Record or RPR number 07575.02); and deed from William E. Beckham, Jr. & Edward Beckham. II (16± acres) on January 9, 1998 (RPR # 09263); and deed from Hilda Cochran (443± acres) on March 15, 2000 (RPR # 09520); and deed from Hilda Cochran (37± acres) on March 15, 2000 (RPR #09521); and deed from Jewel and Edna Melvin (.5± acres) on January 16, 2001 (RPR #09429); and deed from Shree Yogi, Inc. (3± acres) on May 24, 2001 (RPR #09490); and deed from Sunmark Community Bank (.9± acres) on January 16, 2001 (RPR #09430); less and except the property transferred by Executive Order dated April 18, 2000 49.690 acres (RPR # 09363) transferred from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Transportation.

Less and except 22± acres used as the site of the Go Fish Education Center.

