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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
(Public Resources Code section 21108)

File Ref.: A5558
SCH#: 2013072021
Item: 53

Title: Issuance of a non-exclusive statewide General Offshore Geophysical Survey Permit

Applicant: United States Geological Survey

Location: State Marine Waters (as defined in title 2, Cal. Code of Regs., sec. 2100.03(h)), from the mean high tide line to 3 miles offshore including granted or ungranted tidelands and submerged lands

Description: The California State Lands Commission has statutory authority, pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 6826, to issue geophysical permits in State waters to qualified permittees for the use of low energy geophysical equipment to perform geophysical surveys of the ocean bottom, subject to specified terms and conditions. The State Lands Commission action is issuing a 3-year non-exclusive geophysical survey permit to the United States Geological Survey, starting June 23, 2026.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission as ☒Lead Agency ☐Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on June 23, 2026, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

1) The project ☐will ☒will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2) A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3) Mitigation measures ☒were ☐were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4) A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☒was ☐was not adopted for this project.
5) A Statement of Overriding Considerations ☐was ☒was not adopted for this project.
6) Findings ☐were ☒were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The MND and a Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) were prepared for this Project and adopted by the California State Lands Commission on September 20, 2013, as modified by the addendum to the MND and revised General Permit and MMP, adopted on April 23, 2014. The MND, addendum, and the record of project approval may be examined at the California State Lands Commission office address.

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