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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Title: Letter of Non-Objection to Install Experimental *Silvetia compressa* Outplanting Modules

Location: Pacific Ocean, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Number 083-510-068 near Point Conception, Santa Barbara County

Description: Request to affix planting modules to existing rocks via drilling and stainless-steel eye bolt epoxy anchoring. There will be up to 180 branches affixed to sets of 20 three-inch diameter disks installed at two sites. The structures are temporary and will be removed no later than January 7, 2027.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): The Nature Conservancy

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption

- CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15306)

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a letter of non-objection to study *Silvetia compressa* reforestation methods and feasibility will only cause a minor physical change in the environment and will not change existing activities in the area. There are no unusual circumstances surrounding the project that will result in significant environmental impacts. Therefore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and the above categorical exemption applies.

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