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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref.: A4614
Item: 52

Title: Issuance of General Lease – Other – A4614

Location: Sovereign land in the Pacific Ocean at Fort Ross Cove, Timber Cove, Ocean Cove, and Gerstle Cove, adjacent to 19005 Coast Highway, near Jenner, and Drakes Bay near Abalone Point and Double Point, Sonoma County

Description: Authorize issuance of a General Lease – Other beginning February 9, 2026, for a term of 5 years, for activities required to implement a kelp habitat restoration project and hydrodynamics study with installation of seven data collection mooring buoys.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Greater Farallones Association

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemptions

- CLASS 3, NEW CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL STRUCTURES (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15303)
- CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15306)

Reasons for exemptions:

Issuance of a 5-year General Lease – Other for the above-mentioned structures will cause only a minor physical change in the environment and will not change existing activities in the area. There is no reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Therefore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and the above categorical exemptions apply.

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