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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref.: L9241; A5396

Item: 60

Title: Issuance of General Lease – Recreational and Protective Structure Use – Lease 9241

Location: Sovereign land located in the Colorado River, adjacent to 1194 Beach Drive, Needles, San Bernardino County

Description: Authorize issuance of a General Lease – Recreational and Protective Structure Use beginning October 16, 2025, for a term of 10 years, for the use of an existing boat dock, walkway, two gangways with railings, personal watercraft platform, sundeck with railing, lower concrete patio with railing, concrete block retaining walls and stone veneer, concrete stairs with railing, raised planter area, water fountain, fire pit, sidewalk, enclosed storage area, and riprap bankline.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Patrick A. Howard and Terri Howard, co-Trustees of The Howard Living Trust, U/A dated June 25, 2025

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption

- CLASS 1, EXISTING FACILITIES (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301)

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a 10-year General Lease – Recreational and Protective Structure Use for the above-mentioned structures will not cause a 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 exemption applies.

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