



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref.: A5575
Item: 06

Title: Issuance of a Non-Exclusive Geological Survey Permit

Location: Sovereign land in the Eel River, Southeast of State Highway 211 crossing the Eel River, Humboldt County

Description: Authorize issuance of a Non-Exclusive Geological Survey Permit beginning June 23, 2026, for a term of 3 years, for the collection of geological data by mud-rotary drilling methods and standard penetration tests.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption

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

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a 3-year Non-Exclusive Geological Survey Permit for the above-mentioned activities 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 exemption applies.

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