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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref.: A5649
Item: 41

Title: Issuance of a Non-Exclusive Geological Survey Permit

Location: Ungranted sovereign land offshore Central California approximately ranging from the community of Harmony to Point Buchon State Marine Reserve, San Luis Obispo County

Description: Authorize issuance of a Non-Exclusive Geological Survey Permit beginning August 25, 2026, for a term of 1 year, for the collection of geological data utilizing piston coring and vibracoring sampling methods.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): United States Geological Survey

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption

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

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a 1-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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