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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref: W 30177
Item: C69

Title: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADDITIONS, AS MODIFIED AND AFTER A 15-DAY COMMENT PERIOD, TO THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, DIVISION 3, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 2.9.1—PERMITS FOR GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS – W 30177

Location: Statewide

Description: The California State Lands Commission has statutory authority, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6826, to issue geophysical permits in State waters to qualified permittees for the use of low energy geophysical equipment to perform geophysical surveys, subject to specified terms and conditions. The State Lands Commission action is approval of proposed additions to the California Code of Regulations, title 2, division 3, chapter 1, article 2.9.1—Permits for Geophysical Surveys, to improve clarity and consistency within the regulations.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): California State Lands Commission

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2905, subd. (e)(3))

Reasons for exemption:

Approval of the proposed additions to the regulations for geophysical surveys 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(s) apply(ies).

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