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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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File Ref: Lease 9031; A2873
Item: 35

Title: Issuance of a General Lease – Public Agency Use – Lease 9031

Location: Sovereign land in the dry lakebed of Owens Lake, Inyo County.

Description: Authorize issuance of a General Lease – Public Agency Use beginning February 23, 2021, for a term of 10 years, for two monitoring towers, a data collection and transmission box, and a solar power collection station on Owens Lake.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Regents of the University of Michigan

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 1, EXISTING FACILITIES (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2905, subd. (a)(2))

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a 10-year General Lease – Public Agency Use for the above-mentioned structure(s) 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(s) apply(ies).

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