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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref: Lease 7650; A2713

Item: 15

Title: Amendment of General Lease – Public Agency Use – Lease 7650

Location: Sovereign land in the Old River, Middle River, San Joaquin River, Holland Cut, False River, South Fork Mokelumne River, North Fork Mokelumne River, Little Potato Slough, Three Mile Slough, Sacramento River, Sutter Slough, Steamboat Slough, Georgiana Slough, Miner Slough, Cache Slough, and Suisun Bay, in Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Sacramento, Yolo, and Solano Counties.

Description: Authorize the amendment of Lease Number PRC 7650, a General Lease – Public Agency Use, effective October 21, 2021, for the installation, use, and maintenance of a 24 additional pilings and monitoring stations, removal of 6 existing pilings; and installation, use, and maintenance of 7 monitoring stations on exiting United States Coast Guard channel markers.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

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

Exempt Status:

[√] Categorical Exemptions:

CLASS 4, MINOR ALTERATION TO LANDS (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15304) CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2905, subd. (e)(5))

Reasons for exemption:

Amendment of a 15-year General Lease – Public Agency Use for the above-mentioned structure(s) 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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