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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref: A4096

Item: 16

Title: Issuance of General Lease – Other – A4096

Location: Sovereign land in the Smith River Estuary Backwater, adjacent to Assessor Parcel Number: 103-010-005, near the town of Smith River, Del Norte County.

Description: Authorize issuance of a General Lease – Other to the Applicant beginning August 17, 2023, for a term of 5 years, to authorize the restoration and rehabilitation of the Smith River channel and backwater to improve wildlife and aquatic habitats.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Smith River Alliance

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 33, Small Habitat Restoration Project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15333)

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a 5-year General Lease – Public Agency for the above-mentioned activities will only cause 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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