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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref: W27250

Item: 83

Title: Consider taking title to and authorizing the removal and disposal of an abandoned vessel – W27250

Location: Sovereign land in Haypress Reach, San Joaquin River, near McDonald Island, San Joaquin County

Description: Authorize the Executive Officer, or her designee, to take title to the Ruth Elaine, U.S. Coast Guard Doc. No. 629866, on or after July 5, 2023, unless before that date the vessel has been removed from state lands and not returned or has been moved to a permitted location; authorize the Executive Officer, or her designee, to direct one of the Commission's on-call abandoned vessel services contractors to remove and dispose of the Ruth Elaine and all its contents.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Melvin E Chaney; Charles Smith d/b/a Sacramento Tugboat; Greger Pacific Marine Inc.

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemptions:

CLASS 4, MINOR ALTERATION TO LAND (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2905, subd. (d)(3))

CLASS 30, MINOR ACTIONS TO PREVENT, MINIMIZE, STABILIZE, MITIGATE OR ELIMINATE THE RELEASE OR THREAT OF RELEASE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE OR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15330)

Reasons for exemption:

Removal of 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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