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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Title: Letter of Non-Objection to Allow for 16 Temporary Oceanographic Moorings and Dye Releases

**Location:** The Santa Barbara Coastal Long Term Ecological Research Project (SBC LTER), near the Arroyo Quemado Reef in the Santa Barbara Channel, Pacific Ocean, Santa Barbara County

**Description:** Request to deploy 16 moorings with a suite a oceanographic instruments that measure current velocities, temperature, conductivity, pressure, and fluorescence.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): University of California, Los Angeles

## **Exempt Status:**

 $\lceil \sqrt{\rceil}$  Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2905, subd. (e)(5))

## Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a letter of non-objection to deploy moorings and dye releases will only cause a minor physical change in the environment and will not change existing activities in the area. There are no unusual circumstances surrounding the project that will result in significant environmental impacts. Therefore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and the above categorical exemption applies.

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AND POSTING BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

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