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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**Title:** Letter of Non-Objection to Allow Scientific Equipment Placement and Data Collection

**Location:** Rincon Island, in the Pacific Ocean, near Carpinteria, Ventura County.

**Description:** Request to place a Motus Wildlife Tracking System device on Rincon Island to track marine bird and bat movements throughout Southern and Central California. The Rincon Island Motus Station would use and be mounted to an existing 6-inch galvanized pipe that currently supports the Island's foghorn on the west end of the Island.

**Name of Approving Public Agency:** California State Lands Commission

**Name of Proponent (Person or Agency):** U.S. Geological Survey

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2905, subd. (e)(3))

**Reasons for exemption:**

Issuance of a letter of non-objection to affix a marine bird and bat movement tracking device 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  
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