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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref: P7650 A4267

Item: 32

Title: Amendment of a General Lease – Public Agency Use – P7650

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 amendment of a General Lease – Public Agency Use beginning October 14, 2014, for a term of 15 years, to allow for the installation and use of 114 additional pilings and monitoring stations; and removal of 7 existing pilings.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

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

Exempt Status:

[√] Categorical Exemptions:

CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2905, subd. (e)(5)) CLASS 4, MINOR ALTERATIONS TO LAND (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2905, subd. (d)(3))

Reasons for exemption:

Amendment of a 15-year General Lease – Public Agency Use for the above-mentioned structures 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 exemptions apply.

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