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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**Title:** Letter of Non-Objection to Excavate a Whale Fossil

**Location:** Near Assessor's Parcel Number 081-210-024, Santa Barbara County.

**Description:** Request to excavate a middle Miocene whale fossil embedded in the tidal zone of the Gaviota Coast.

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

**Name of Proponent (Person or Agency):** Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 4, MINOR ALTERNATIONS TO LAND (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15304)

**Reasons for exemption:**

Issuance of a letter of non-objection to excavate a whale fossil on sovereign lands 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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