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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Title: Letter of Non-Objection to Collect Data and Sediment Samples

Location: Offshore San Dieguito Lagoon, Goleta Slough, Batiquitos Lagoon, and Santa Margarita River, Santa Barbara, Riverside, and San Diego Counties

Description: Request to obtain a total of 10 to 40 vibracore samples across 2 to 4 sites that would be within and adjacent to paleochannels on the continental shelf. Ancient soils from the Younger Dryas landscape would be collected to study climate change and sea level rise from that period.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Scripps Institute of Oceanography, University of California San Diego

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 obtain vibracore samples 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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