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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

File Ref: L9400\_A4745

Item: 46

**Title:** Issuance of General Lease – Other Use – Lease 9400

**Location:** Sovereign land located in the Pacific Ocean, offshore of Howland’s Landing, Santa Catalina Island, Los Angeles County

**Description:** Authorize issuance of a General Lease – Other Use beginning April 20, 2025, for a term of 10 years, for the reinstallation and monitoring of a kelp elevator.

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

**Name of Proponent (Person or Agency):** Marine BioEnergy, Inc.

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption:

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

**Reasons for exemption:**

Issuance of a 10-year General Lease – Other Use for the above-mentioned structure 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 exemption applies.

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