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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref: PRC 9390.2
Item: C67

Title: CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING PERMIT FOR LITHIUM AND MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, OR SAND AND GRAVEL - PRC 9390.2

Location: Approximately 520 acres of State-owned school land (State Parcel Number 163-004; Assessor's Parcel Number 039-270-01), located within Section 16, Township 23 South, Range 44 East, MDM, approximately 8 miles south of Ballarat, Inyo County. The State parcel is in a remote region in Panamint Valley.

Description: Authorize the issuance of a mineral prospecting permit for a 1-year term beginning September 1, 2019, for lithium and minerals other than oil, gas, geothermal resources, or sand and gravel, within the State parcel. The authorization is limited to fieldwork involving geological mapping and rock sampling over the 520-acre State parcel for a period of 1-year. Approximately 20 to 50 samples, each weighing 2 to 6 pounds, using a 16-inch-long hand pick tool will be collected during fieldwork days. No other surface disturbance is authorized.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Rascal Lithium LLC

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption:

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

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a mineral prospecting permit for the above-mentioned activity will cause only 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 activity 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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