## **CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION**

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## **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

File Ref: School Lands

**Title**: Request for a Letter of Non-Objection to Enter State School Lands to Install, Operate and Maintain Magnetotelluric Data Collection

Location: Several State school lands parcels located in Monterey, Inyo, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties.

**Description:** Authorize approval to enter State school lands to temporarily install magnetotelluric equipment to measure and study the Earth's natural electric and magnetic fields. In collaboration with Oregon State University, the study will contribute to the understanding of the geological history of North America, including seismic hazards resulting from tectonic events.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Green Geophysics

## **Exempt Status:**

[√] Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit, 2, § 2905, subd. (e)(5))

## Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a letter of non-objection 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 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.

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