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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref: W9777.234 W9777.290 W9777.295 Item: 66

Title: CONSIDER GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY MARITIME ACADEMY TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE BALLAST WATER DISCHARGE SAMPLES TO ASSESS THE PERFORMANCE OF BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS – W9777.234, W9777.290, W9777.295

Location: Statewide

Description: Authorize the Executive Officer or her designee to award and execute an agreement with Cal Maritime in accordance with state policies and procedures in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 to support the collection and analysis of ballast water discharges to assess vessel compliance with the performance standards and ballast water management system's efficacy.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): California State Lands Commission (Commission); California State University Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime)

Exempt Status:

 $\left[\sqrt{\right]}$ Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15306)

Reasons for exemption:

Authorization for the Executive Officer or her designee to award and execute the above-mentioned agreement(s) will not cause a 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(s) apply(ies).

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