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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref: Lease 4941; A3610

Item: 64

Title: Issuance of a General Lease - Dredging - Lease 4941

Location: Sovereign land in Carquinez Strait at Valero Benicia Marine Oil Terminal, Benicia, Solano County.

Description: Authorize issuance of a General Lease – Dredging beginning March 1, 2023, for a term of 10 years, to dredge a maximum of 100,000 cy of sediment annually from Carquinez Strait at the Valero Benicia Marine Oil Terminal, Benicia.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Valero Refinery Company-California

Exempt Status:

 $\lceil \sqrt{\rceil}$ Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 4, MINOR ALTERATIONS TO LAND (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15304, example (g))

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a 10-year General Lease – Dredging 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 project will not have a significant effect on the environment and the above categorical exemption(s) apply(ies).

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