



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:

37-07/30/2025-0574

STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 07/30/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2025-0574	

PROJECT TITLE  
CHULA VISTA CHALLENGE TRIATHLON

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME KOZ EVENTS	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER 858-255-9709
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 16805 HIGHLAND VALLEY ROAD	CITY RAMONA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 92065

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☒ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	0.00

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

X

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, ELVA STOPKE, Deputy

Payment Reference #: VITALCHEK: 206194715/022865



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK  
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

**FILED**  
Jul 30, 2025 09:32 AM  
JORDAN Z. MARKS  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK  
File # 2025-000626  
State Receipt # 37073020250574

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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

**Project Title**

**CHULA VISTA CHALLENGE TRIATHLON**

**Check Document being Filed:**

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- ☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ☐ Other (Please fill in type):

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO  
COUNTY CLERK ON** July 30, 2025  
**Posted** July 30, 2025 **Removed** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Returned to agency on** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DEPUTY** \_\_\_\_\_

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

**Notice of Exemption****CEQA Guidelines Appendix E**

**To:** ■ San Diego County Recorder/County Clerk  
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260  
San Diego, CA 92101-2480

**From:** ■ San Diego Unified Port District  
Development Services Department  
3165 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Project Title:** Chula Vista Challenge Triathlon

**Project Applicant:** Tobias Panek, Event Director, KOZ Events, 16805 Highland Valley Road, Ramona, CA 92065; (858) 255-9709

**Project Location – Specific:** Chula Vista Bayside Park, 999 Bayside Parkway (G Street), Chula Vista, CA 91910

**Project location – City:** Chula Vista

**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The proposed project is the annual Chula Vista Challenge (CVC) Triathlon in the city of Chula Vista, California. A Coastal Act Categorical Determination of Exclusion (Project No. 2016-100) was previously issued for the event on July 20, 2016, and the following project description has been updated to reflect the most current logistics of the event.

The District would provide sponsorship in the form of District services for the event, which would consist of various race options, including but not limited to, Duathlons (bicycle and run), Triathlons (swim, bicycle, and run), and Aquabikes (swim and bicycle) of varying distances, Kids Races of varying distances based on age, as well as event celebrations. All race routes would start and finish at Bayside Park. The swim courses would take place in San Diego Bay adjacent to Bayside Park; the cycling and running courses would take place in the vicinity around Bayside Park and Chula Vista Bayfront.

Event staging, including transition areas, vendor booths, and other event entertainment, would be located at Bayside Park. All races would start in the morning and are expected to conclude by approximately 10:30 a.m.; roads closed for the event would also reopen at this time or following the conclusion of the races, whichever occurs earlier. The event would take place during Fall and would have an approximate duration of two (2) days, including set-up and breakdown. The event is anticipated to have an attendance of approximately 650 people annually. Parking would be available to participants at Bayfront Park where shuttle services would offer transport to the race starting location. Access to the boat launching ramp at Bayfront Park would be maintained throughout the duration of the event.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** San Diego Unified Port District (SDUPD)

**Exempt Status:** (Check one):  
☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);  
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));  
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));  
☒ **Categorical Exemption(s): Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4) and Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings (SG § 15323) (Class 23)**  
☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number:

**Reason Why Project Is Exempt:** The proposed project is determined to be Categorical Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings), and Section 3.d. of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* because it is a temporary event that would result in no permanent effects on the environment, would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, and would consist of the normal operation of existing facilities for

public gatherings. Section 3.d. of the District's *CEQA Guidelines* and Section 15323 of the *CEQA Guidelines* are as follows:

3.d. Minor Alterations to Land: Includes minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation not involving removal of mature, scenic trees, including, but not limited to:

(6) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment.

AND/OR

Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings: Consists of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For the purpose of this section, "past history" shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility. Facilities included within this exemption include, but are not limited to, racetracks, stadiums, convention centers, auditoriums, amphitheaters, planetariums, swimming pools, and amusement parks.

**Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number:** Davin Cox, (619) 686-6293

**Signature:**  **Date:** 7/30/2025 **Title:** Assistant Planner

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
- ☐ Signed by Applicant

**Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:**



# San Diego County



Transaction #: 8498863  
Receipt #: 2025288723

**JORDAN Z. MARKS**

Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk

1600 Pacific Highway Suite 260

P. O. Box 121750, San Diego, CA 92112-1750

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Cashier Date: 07/30/2025

Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 07/30/2025 9:33 am

## Payment Summary

Total Fees	\$100.00
Total Payments	\$100.00
Balance:	\$0.00

## Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT	\$100.00
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Total Payments	\$100.00
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## Filings

CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000626	Date: 07/30/2025 9:32AM	Pages: 3
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State Receipt # 37-07/30/2025-0574

Fees:	Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
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Total Fees Due:	\$50.00
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State Receipt # 37-07/30/2025-0575

Fees:	Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
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Total Fees Due:	\$50.00
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Grand Total - All Documents:	\$100.00
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