# San Diego Unified Port District

# CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS and NOTICE OF APPROVAL

<u>Project</u>: Agreement with Aztec Landscaping, Inc. for As-Needed Pressure-Washing Services Location(s): San Diego, Coronado, National City, Chula Vista, and Imperial Beach California

Parcel No.(s): Various
Project No.: 2017-192

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# **Project Description**

The proposed project involves a second amendment to an existing agreement between San Diego Unified Port District (District) and Aztec Landscaping, Inc. (Aztec) to provide as-needed pressure-washing services at various district locations. This second amendment to the existing agreement proposes to increase the maximum amount payable. More specifically, services include blowing areas free of debris, laying down waddles to prevent storm drain runoff, pressure washing, vacuuming of excess water, and removing excess water and dumping it off site, in accordance with stormwater regulations. Additionally, services may include weekly pressure washing with an approved disinfectant solution for benches, tables, trash cans and sidewalks. The agreement began on July 1, 2015 and will terminate on June 30, 2019.

The following categorical determinations are based on the agenda sheet and all project information known to the District as of the date of this determination.

#### CEQA DETERMINATION

Based upon the above description, the project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 3.a (12) of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* because it is an agreement for pressurewashing services that would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. Section 3.a (12) of District's CEQA Guidelines is as follows:

3.a. Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1): Includes operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public and private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing.

The Categorical Exemption listed above is appropriate for the proposed project because it is an agreement for pressure-washing services that would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. The District has determined none of the six exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption apply to this project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2).

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, a 35-day statute of limitations for this CEQA exemption shall apply from the date a Notice of Exemption is posted with the San Diego County Clerk, or a 180-day statute of limitations for this CEQA exemption shall apply if no Notice of Exemption is filed.

The proposed Board action complies with Section 87 of the Port Act, which allows for construction,

reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and operation of public buildings public assembly and meeting places, convention centers, parks, playgrounds, bathhouses and bathing facilities, recreation and fishing piers, public recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, public golf courses, and for all works, buildings, facilities, utilities, structures, and appliances incidental, necessary, or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of any of those uses. The Port Act was enacted by the California Legislature and is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. Consequently, the proposed Board action is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine.

## CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT

## PORT MASTER PLAN

The project is located within multiple of the District's planning districts. The Port Master Plan land and water use designations within the limits of the proposed project may include, but are not limited to, Open Space, Park/Plaza, Harbor Services, Commercial Recreation, and/or Promenade. The project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it is an agreement for pressure-washing services consistent with the existing certified land use designations. The project would not change the uses of the sites nor would it interrupt or expand the existing conforming uses of the sites.

### CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

The above project proposes an agreement for pressure washing services that would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. This project is consistent with the existing certified land use designations and is Categorically Excluded under Section 8.a (8) of the District's *Coastal Development Permit Regulations*, as follows:

8.a. <u>Existing Facilities</u>: The operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing.

Pursuant to California Coastal Act Section 30717, there is a 10-working-day period to appeal this "Coastal Act Categorical Determination of Exclusion" to the California Coastal Commission.

RANDA CONIGLIO President/CEO

Determination by:
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Deputy General Counsel

Signature

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Date:

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