

**Notice of Exemption**

CEQA Guidelines Appendix E

**To:**

- Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814
- San Diego County Recorder/County Clerk  
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260  
San Diego, CA 92101-2480

**From:** (Public Agency)  
San Diego Unified Port District  
Planning & Green Port  
3165 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

**FILED**  
Ernest J Dronenburg, Jr. Recorder County Clerk

**JAN 10 2018**

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**Project Title:** Zephyr Debris Removal Pilot Project  
**Project Location – Specific:** District Tidelands – 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101  
**Project location – City:** San Diego  
**Project Location – County:** San Diego County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** *The proposed pilot project involves the operation of a trash skimming vessel in San Diego Bay for debris removal for a total of one (1) year. The project is intended to analyze the effectiveness and scalability of the trash skimming vessel and would develop a database for key variables influencing marine debris accumulation in San Diego Bay such as seasons, weather events, and tidal swings.*

*The trash skimming vessel would be approximately 23 feet in length and would have a custom fabricated "catcher hoop net" system attached to the front of the vessel which would allow for trash to enter into the net and the ability to remove small debris and access to shallow and rough water. Additionally, the vessel would have a side door which would allow for large trash items to be collected. After the trash is collected, the trash skimming vessel would transfer the trash to a trash bin located at a trash collection area at the southern end of Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal. While the catcher hoop net is deployed in the water, the vessel would travel at speeds of up to four miles per hour. Zephyr would conduct trash skimming operations six hours per day, four days per week. While the vessel is not in operations, the vessel would be docked at Tuna Harbor.*

*The pilot program is anticipated to commence in approximately January 2018 and end approximately January 2019, with a total duration one (1) year. A "Blue Economy Agreement" by and between the District and the Zephyr Debris Removal LLC. (Zephyr), is also proposed.*

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Philippe Leblanc, Planning and Green Port, San Diego Unified Port District, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101, (619)686-6516

**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: *Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1) and Information Collection (SG § 15306) (Class 6)*
- Statutory Exemption. State code number:

**Reason why project is exempt:** *The project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), (Information Collection), and/or Sections 3.a.(1), and/or 3.f of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because the project involves maintenance of the waters of San Diego Bay through trash pickup. Sections 3.a.(1) and/or 3.f of the District's CEQA Guidelines are 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, including but not limited to:

- (1) Repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing mooring facilities, floats, piers, piles, wharves, bulkhead, revetment, buoys, or similar structures; marine terminal facilities; airport facilities; and commercial industrial, or recreational facilities.

AND/OR

3.f Information Collection (SG § 15306) (Class 6): Includes basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which has not yet been approved, adopted or funded.

**Lead Agency Contact Person and telephone number:**

Signature:  Date: 1/10/18 Title: Senior Planner

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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

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San Diego County on JAN 10 2018  
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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

# 2018 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (Rev. 12/15/15) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 37-2018- 0020
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable) ---

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL ---	DATE 01/10/2018
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING San Diego County		DOCUMENT NUMBER *20180020*
PROJECT TITLE ZEPHYR DEBRIS REMOVAL PILOT PROJECT		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL ---	PHONE NUMBER 619-686-6516
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 3165 PACIFIC HIGHWAY	CITY SAN DIEGO	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency     
  School District     
  Other Special District     
  State Agency     
  Private Entity

### CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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|--|------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)           | \$3,168.00 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)    | \$2,280.75 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (GRP) | \$1,077.00 | \$ _____ |

- Exempt from fee  
      Notice of Exemption (attach)  
      CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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

### PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash     Credit     Check     Other     
 TOTAL RECEIVED    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b> 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County      AMBER STEVENS      , Deputy
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