

San Diego Unified Port District
CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS
and
NOTICE OF APPROVAL

Project: City of Coronado Fourth of July Celebration
Location(s): Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118
Parcel No.(s): N/A
Project No.: 2018-118
Applicant: Tom Ritter, Assistant City Manager, City of Coronado, 1825 Strand Way, Coronado, CA 92118
Date Approved: June 20, 2018

Project Description

The proposed project is the City of Coronado Fourth of July Parade, a community parade, which would take place around the city of Coronado on July 4. The District would provide sponsorship in form of District funding for the event. The parade would start on First Street in Coronado and travel south on Orange Avenue to conclude at R.H. Dana Place, on Ocean Boulevard, in the south end of the city of Coronado. There are anticipated to be over 110 entries including marching bands, floats, and military vehicles. The event would have an approximate duration of one day and would take place mid-summer. The event would have an anticipated attendance of approximately 100,000 people. Parking would be available nearby at parking facilities and on surface streets.

The following categorical determinations are based on the applicant's project submittal and all project information known to the District as of the date of this determination.

CEQA DETERMINATION

Based upon the above description, the proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and/or 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) and Section 3.d (6) of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* because it is a temporary event that would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, would not have any permanent effects on the environment, and would consist of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings. Section 3.d. (6) of the District's CEQA Guidelines and CEQA Guidelines Section 15323 are as follows:

- 3.d. Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4): 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 (SG § 15323) (Class 23): 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 purposes 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.

The Categorical Exemptions listed above are appropriate for the proposed project because it is a temporary event that would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, would not have any permanent effects on the environment, and would consist of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings. 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 project complies with Section 87 of the Port Act, which allows for the 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 project is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT

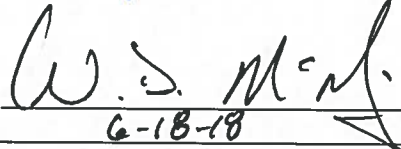
The above project proposes a temporary event that would have no permanent effects on the environment. The project site is located in an area that is not located within the Port Master Plan and is therefore not within the District's coastal development permit jurisdiction. Additional approvals may be required from other agencies for the proposed project.

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President/CEO

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Assistant Planner
Development Services

Signature: 
Date: 6/20/18

Deputy General Counsel

Signature: 
Date: 6-18-18