

CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS and NOTICE OF APPROVAL

Project: Tideland Use and Occupancy Permit to Crowley Marine Services, Inc., for Tug Boat

Service Operations at Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal

<u>Location</u>: Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal, 1800 Crosby Rd, San Diego, CA 92101

<u>Parcel No.</u>: 020-023 <u>Project No.</u>: 2019-132

Applicant: Brian Abel, Facilities Manager, Crowley Marine Services, 9487 Regency Square

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Date Approved: July 25, 2019

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is the renewal of a Tideland Use and Occupancy Permit (TUOP) to Crowley Marine Services (Tenant) for the use of 10,000 square feet (sq ft) of water area adjacent to the Crosby Street Pier (Parcel No.1), approximately 2,337 sq ft of an electrical easement (Parcel No.2), approximately 249 sq ft of electrical transformer area (Parcel No.3), and eight parking spaces located at the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal in the City of San Diego, California. The areas proposed for use under this TUOP are currently and are proposed to be used only and exclusively for the purpose of mooring, crewing, provisioning, maintaining tug boats, and parking, and for no other purpose whatsoever without the prior written consent of the Executive Director of District in each instance. The Tenant would be responsible for compliance with all laws and regulations associated with the activities on or in connection with the above-described premises, and in all uses thereof, including those regulating stormwater and hazardous materials. No new development, construction, or increase in the size of the property is proposed or authorized as part of the TUOP.

It is anticipated that the TUOP would have a total term of approximately five (5) years. The TUOP may be terminated by the District or Tenant as a matter of right and without cause at any time upon providing sixty (60) days' notice in writing to the other part of such termination.

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

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exemption: SG §15301, Class 1/Section 3.a: Existing Facilities.

- 3.a. Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1): Includes 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, including but not limited to:
 - (4) New and renewed short-term tenancy agreements which do not result in change in the existing use. This exemption does not apply to any new development associated with the activities of the tenant. This exception is also inapplicable if the cumulative impact of continuing the existing use or conditions in the same place, over time, is significant.
 - (7) Existing facilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility service.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the Section of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above. This is appropriate for the proposed project because it would consist of a TUOP for tug boat service operations that would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing or a significant cumulative impact due to the continuation of the existing use, and would result in no permanent effects on the environment. 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.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT

PORT MASTER PLAN CONSISTENCY

Planning District: 4 - Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal (Precise Plan Figure 13).

Land and Water Use Designations: Marine Related Industrial; and Specialized Berthing

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve operation of tugboat and harbor ship assistance services, which is consistent with the existing certified Land and Water use designations. The proposed project would not change the use of the site nor would it interrupt or expand the existing conforming uses of the site.

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

The proposed project would renew an existing real estate agreement through issuance of a TUOP. The proposed project does not allow for "development" as defined in Section 30106 of the California Coastal Act, or "new development" pursuant to Section 1.a. of the District's Coastal Development Permit Regulations. Therefore, issuance of a Coastal Development Permit or categorical exclusion is not required.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE

The proposed project complies with Section 87.(a)(1) of the Port Act, which allows the establishment, improvement, and conduct of a harbor, and for the construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and operation of wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays, and all other works, buildings, facilities, utilities, structures, and appliances incidental, necessary, or convenient, for the promotion and accommodation of commerce and navigation. 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.

RANDA CONIGLIO President/CEO

Determination by:
Michael Paul
Assistant Planner
Development Services

Deputy General Counsel

Signature:

Date:

Signature:

Date:____