

**CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS  
and  
NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

Project: Modular Restroom by Port of San Diego at National Distribution Center  
Location: 1022 Bay Marina Drive #106, National City, CA 91950  
Parcel No.: 027-051; 027-049  
Project No.: 2019-140  
Applicant: Yeshi Mulugeta, Capital Project Manager II, Engineering-Construction, Port of San Diego, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101  
Date Approved: July 25, 2019

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed project would include the installation of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible modular restroom at the National Distribution Center building courtyard area. The modular restroom would be manufactured and assembled off-site. The site would be trenched for utility connections, including electrical, water, and sewer lines prior to installation of the modular restroom.

Due to its nature and limited scope, construction of the proposed project would generate a minor amount of vehicle trips and would require limited use of equipment. Therefore, impacts related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation and traffic are not anticipated to occur. Furthermore, the Applicant would be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding construction demolition debris, hazards and hazardous materials, and stormwater.

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.

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**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

**CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION**

Categorical Exemptions: SG §15303, Class 3/Section 3.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; SG §15304, Class 4/Section 3.d: Minor Alterations to Land; and SG §15311, Class 11/Section 3.i: Accessory Structures

3.c. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (SG § 15303) (Class 3): Includes construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and conversion of existing small structures from one use to another with minor modifications to the exterior of the structure.

AND/OR

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:

7. Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

AND/OR

3.i. Accessory Structures (SG § 15311) (Class 11): Includes construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing facilities.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the Sections of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above. These are appropriate for the proposed project because it would consist of installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, would result in no permanent effects on the environment, and would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, and would involve minor trenching where the surface is restored. 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: 5 - National City Bayfront (Precise Plan Figure 15).

Land Use Designation: Marine Related Industrial.

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve installation of a modular restroom for use by nearby commercial tenants, consistent with the existing certified Land use designation. 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*

Categorical Exclusions: Section 8.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; and Section 8.d: Minor Alterations to Land

8.c. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation of small, new equipment and facilities, involving negligible or no change of existing use of the property, including but not limited to:

- (3) Accessory structures, including, but not limited to, on-premise signs, small parking lots, fences, walkways, swimming pools, miscellaneous work buildings, temporary trailers, small accessory piers, minor mooring facilities, buoys, floats, pilings, or similar structures; and seasonal or temporary use items such as lifeguard towers, mobile food units, portable restrooms, or similar structures;

AND/OR

8.d. Minor Alterations to Land: Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, including but not limited to:

- (6) Minor trenching or backfilling where the surface is restored.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Excluded pursuant to the Sections of the District's *Coastal Development Permit Regulations* as identified above. These are appropriate for the proposed project because it would involve negligible or no change of existing use of the property and would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees.

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.


**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE**

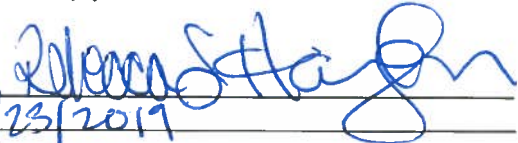
The proposed project complies with Section 87.(a)(1) of the Port Act, which allows for the establishment, improvement, and conduct of a harbor, and for the construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and operation of wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays, and all other works, buildings, facilities, 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: 7-24-19

Signature:   
Date: 7/23/2019