



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 37-05/21/2026-0445
 STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

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| LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT | LEAD AGENCY EMAIL | DATE 05/21/2026 |
| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO | DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2026-0445 | |

PROJECT TITLE
 AMENDMENT TO SEDIMENT SAMPLING BY THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AT THE LAUREL HAWTHORN EMBAYMENT

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| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF SAN DIEGO, KELLYN BAKER, ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL | PHONE NUMBER 619-538-9235 |
| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 9370 CHESAPEAKE DR STE. 100 | CITY SAN DIEGO | STATE CA |
| | | ZIP CODE 92123 |

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) | \$4,227.50 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND) | \$3,043.75 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,437.25 | \$ | 0.00 |

- 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 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee | | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | \$ | 0.00 |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

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| SIGNATURE X | AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County Clerk, TIFFANI HOOD, Deputy |
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SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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May 21, 2026 09:38 AM
JORDAN Z. MARKS
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
File # 2026-000481
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Project Title

AMENDMENT TO SEDIMENT SAMPLING BY THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AT THE LAUREL
HAWTHORN EMBAYMENT

Check Document being Filed:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

Posted: 5/21/26

Filed by: TIFFANI HOOD

Deputy County Clerk

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

Notice of Exemption*CEQA Guidelines Appendix E*

To: ■ San Diego County Recorder/County Clerk
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260
San Diego, CA 92101-2480

From: ■ San Diego Unified Port District
Development Services Department
3165 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

Project Title: Amendment to Sediment Sampling by the City of San Diego at the Laurel Hawthorn Embayment

Project Applicant: Kellyn Baker, Environmental Specialist, City of San Diego, 9370 Chesapeake Dr. Ste. 100, San Diego, CA 92123, 619-538-9235

Project Location – Specific: San Diego Bay, West of West Hawthorne Street and North Harbor Drive, and South of West Laurel Street and North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101

Project location – City: San Diego

Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project involves an amendment to the previously approved sediment sampling project (previous project) by the City of San Diego at the Laurel Hawthorn Embayment in the city of San Diego, California. The previous project (Document No. 72368) involved sediment sampling in response to Investigative Order R9-2019-0040 (IO) issued by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) for the 84-inch stormwater conveyance system outfall in Laurel Hawthorn Embayment. Sediment samples were collected at twenty-three (23) specified locations to characterize sediment quality for benthic community protection. A marine sampling vessel was utilized to deploy the equipment to collect samples at each sampling location. Two collection techniques were utilized at each sediment sampling location including (1) grab samples and (2) core samples, consistent with the requirements of the IO.

Following completion of the previous project, the Regional Board has requested recollection and analysis of sediment samples within the Laurel Hawthorn Embayment to fill data gaps identified during the initial investigation. The proposed project is a supplemental investigation that would include recollection of sediment surface grab and core samples using the same equipment and methods at a subset of the same locations identified in the previous project. The proposed project would include collection of sediment samples from twelve (12) of the twenty-three (23) previously specified locations within the Laurel Hawthorn Embayment. No sampling locations outside of the previously identified locations are proposed as part of this recollection effort.

Bay sampling is anticipated to occur approximately between May and September 2026 and would take approximately four (4) days to complete.

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.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego Unified Port District (SDUPD)

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(s): Information Collection (SG § 15306) (Class 6), Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources**

District Project Number: 2020-046a

**(SG § 15307) (Class 7), and Actions by Regulatory Agency for
Protection of the Environment (SG § 15308) (Class 8)**
 Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15306 (Information Collection), 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) and Sections 3.f., 3.g., and 3.h. of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because sediment and bay sampling in accordance with an IO would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and would involve procedures for protection of the environment. Sections 3.f., 3.g., and 3.h. of the District's CEQA Guidelines are as follows:

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.

AND/OR

3.g. Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources (SG § 15307) (Class 7): Actions taken by regulatory agencies to assure the maintenance, restoration or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment. Construction activities are not included in this exemption.

AND/OR

3.h. Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment (SG § 15308) (Class 8): Includes actions taken by regulatory agencies to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment. Construction activities and relaxation of standards allowing environmental degradation are not included in this exemption.

Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number: Kelly Cunningham, (619) 821-1942

Signature: KCC **Date:** 5/21/2026 **Title:** Planner I

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:



San Diego County



Transaction #: 9039480
Receipt #: 2026196546

JORDAN Z. MARKS
Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
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P. O. Box 121750, San Diego, CA 92112-1750
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www.sdarcc.gov

Cashier Date: 05/21/2026
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 05/21/2026 9:39 am

Payment Summary

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| Total Fees | \$400.00 |
| Total Payments | \$400.00 |
| Balance: | \$0.00 |

Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT \$400.00

Total Payments \$400.00

Filings

CEQA - NOE FILE #: 2026-000480 Date: 05/21/2026 9:38AM Pages: 3
State Receipt # 37-05/21/2026-0444
 Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00
 Total Fees Due: \$50.00

CEQA - NOE FILE #: 2026-000481 Date: 05/21/2026 9:38AM Pages: 3
State Receipt # 37-05/21/2026-0445
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 Total Fees Due: \$50.00

CEQA - NOE FILE #: 2026-000482 Date: 05/21/2026 9:38AM Pages: 3
State Receipt # 37-05/21/2026-0446
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 Total Fees Due: \$50.00

CEQA - NOE FILE #: 2026-000483 Date: 05/21/2026 9:38AM Pages: 3
State Receipt # 37-05/21/2026-0447
 Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00
 Total Fees Due: \$50.00

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| CEQA - NOE | FILE #: 2026-000484 Date: 05/21/2026 9:38AM | Pages: 3 |
| | State Receipt # 37-05/21/2026-0448 | |
| Fees: | Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee | \$50.00 |
| Total Fees Due: | | \$50.00 |
| CEQA - NOE | FILE #: 2026-000485 Date: 05/21/2026 9:38AM | Pages: 3 |
| | State Receipt # 37-05/21/2026-0449 | |
| Fees: | Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee | \$50.00 |
| Total Fees Due: | | \$50.00 |
| CEQA - NOE | FILE #: 2026-000486 Date: 05/21/2026 9:38AM | Pages: 3 |
| | State Receipt # 37-05/21/2026-0450 | |
| Fees: | Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee | \$50.00 |
| Total Fees Due: | | \$50.00 |
| CEQA - NOE | FILE #: 2026-000487 Date: 05/21/2026 9:38AM | Pages: 4 |
| | State Receipt # 37-05/21/2026-0451 | |
| Fees: | Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee | \$50.00 |
| Total Fees Due: | | \$50.00 |
| Grand Total - All Documents: | | \$400.00 |