



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

Project: Seawall Construction by San Diego Unified Port District at Coronado Island
Location: 1101 1st Street, Coronado, CA 92118
Parcel No.: 058-004
Project No.: 2020-052
Applicant: Noemi Aquino, Associate Engineer, Engineering-Construction, San Diego Unified Port District, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101
Date Approved: April 23, 2020

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would involve construction of a seawall at Centennial Park by the San Diego Unified Port District (District) in the City of Coronado, California to replace existing shoreline revetment material. Work to specifically complete the proposed project would involve removal of existing revetment, power pole logs, and concrete material, and construction of an approximately 56-foot long new soldier pile wall perpendicular to and behind the existing seawall at Centennial Park within the footprint of the removed material. Construction of the proposed project would result in a balanced site (no increase in fill) and would stabilize the slope behind the existing seawall by adding minor rip rap back fill to make the adjacent ground height consistent with surrounding grade and the proposed soldier pile wall. Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to occur in Winter 2020 and would take approximately three (3) months to complete. Staging of the project materials and construction equipment would occur at a parking lot adjacent to the site and would be off District tidelands and the beach area. Access to the beach and Centennial Park would be maintained throughout the duration of construction.

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, significant impacts related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation and traffic are not anticipated to occur. Furthermore, the District 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.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exemptions: SG §15302, Class 2/Section 3.b: Replacement or Reconstruction; SG §15303, Class 3/Section 3.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; and SG §15304, Class 4/Section 3.d: Minor Alterations to Land

- 3.b. Replacement or Reconstruction (SG § 15302) (Class 2): Includes replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure being replaced.

AND/OR

- 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:

- (1) Filling of earth on previously disturbed land with material compatible with the natural features of the site.
- (2) Minor placement of revetment or other shore protection structures on eroded shoreline to protect the public safety, public or private structures or facilities, or to provide or reestablish bank alignment.
- (7) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

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 consists of removal of existing log and concrete material and construction of a new soldier pile wall, and would consist of the reconstruction of an existing structure, would be located on the same site as the structure replaced, would have the same purpose and capacity, would consist of construction and location of new, small structure, would result in no permanent effects on the environment, and would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees. 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: 6 - Coronado Bayfront (Precise Plan Figure 17)

Land and Water Use Designations: Park/Plaza; Promenade; and Open Bay/Water

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it consists of removal of existing log and concrete material and construction of a new soldier pile wall, 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 use of the site.

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

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

- 8.b. Replacement or Reconstruction: Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located essentially on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

AND/OR

- 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.

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:

- (3) Filling of earth into previously excavated land with material compatible with the natural features of the site;
- (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 consists of removal of existing log and concrete material and construction of a new soldier pile wall, would be located essentially on the same site as the structure replaced, would have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, would involve 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.

For the portion of the proposed project located outside of the District's CDP jurisdiction, additional approvals may be required from other agencies.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE

The proposed project complies with Section 87.(a)(5) 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.

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President/CEO

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Signature: Michael Paul
Date: Apr 23, 2020

Deputy General Counsel

Signature: Chris Burt
Date: Apr 23, 2020