# CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS

## NOTICE OF APPROVAL

**Project:**  
Tideland Use and Occupancy Permit to Crow’s Nest Yacht Sales for Boat Sales at Shelter Island

**Location:**  
2515 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106

**Parcel No.:**  
003-004

**Project No.:**  
2020-091

**Applicant:**  
Eric Pearson, Crow’s Nest Marine, Inc., Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106

**Date Approved:**  
September 11, 2020

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is the renewal of an existing Tideland Use and Occupancy Permit (TUOP) to permit Crown’s Nest Marine Inc. dba Crown’s Nest Yacht Sales Corporation to continue their use of approximately 24,615 square feet of water area and 8,490 square feet of land area, located in the city of San Diego, California. The area proposed for use under this TUOP is currently and will continue to be used only and exclusively for the purpose of the sale of new and used boats, boat engines, boat parts and accessories 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 or on 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 four (4) years. The TUOP may be terminated by the District Tenant as a matter of right and without cause at any time upon providing thirty (30) days’ notice in writing to the other party of such termination.

The following categorical determinations are based on the TUOP 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 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.

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 the renewal of an existing TUOP for the sale of boats, boat parts, and accessories. 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: 1 - Shelter Island/La Playa (Precise Plan Figure 4)

Land and Water Use Designations: Marine Sales and Services; Marine Services Berthing; and Promenade

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would consist of the renewal of an existing TUOP for the sale of boats, boat parts, and accessories 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. The proposed project does not constitute “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)(6) of the Port Act, which allows for the establishment, improvement, and conduct of small boat harbors, marinas, aquatic playgrounds, and similar recreational facilities, and for the construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and operation of all works, buildings, facilities, utilities, structures, and appliances incidental, necessary, or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of any of those uses, including, but not limited to, snack bars, cafes, restaurants, motels, launching ramps, and hoists, storage sheds, boat repair facilities with cranes and marine ways, administration buildings, public restrooms, bait and tackle shops, chandleries, boat sales establishments, service stations and fuel docks, yacht club buildings, parking areas, roadways, pedestrian ways, and landscaped areas. 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:
Cameron McLeod
Associate Planner
Development Services

Signature: ____________________________
Date: Sep 14, 2020

Chris Burt
Deputy General Counsel

Signature: ____________________________
Date: Sep 11, 2020