



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

Project: Soil Boring Investigation by the City of Coronado at Coronado Bayfront  
Location: Marina Way, Coronado, CA 92118  
Parcel No.: 057-002  
Project No.: 2021-013  
Applicant: Clifford Maurer, Director of Public Services and Engineering, City of Coronado, 1825 Strand Way, Coronado, CA 92118  
Date Approved: May 19, 2021

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed project would involve a soil boring investigation by the City of Coronado (Applicant) in the City of Coronado, California. Work to specifically complete the proposed project would involve coring existing street pavement with a twelve (12)-inch (in.) diameter core, using an eight (8)-in. diameter hand auger drilling method to a depth of eight feet, and using a truck mounted drill rig to perform one (1) soil boring twenty-five (25) feet below ground surface. All excess soil-cutting and fluids generated from drilling operations will be drummed and removed from the site, and the existing pavement will be repaired. Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to occur in Summer 2021 and would take approximately one (1) day 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, significant 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 §15304, Class 4/Section 3.d: Minor Alterations to Land; and SG §15306, Class 6/Section 3.f: Information Collection

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:

- (6) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment.
- (7) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

AND/OR

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.

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 soil borings for a geotechnical investigation, would result in no permanent effects on the environment, would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, and is for the purpose of basic data collection activities which would not result in a serious

or major disturbance to an environmental resource. 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 Use Designation: Commercial Recreation

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve soil borings for a geotechnical investigation, 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 use of the site.

### *CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION*

Categorical Exclusions: Section 8.d: Minor Alterations to Land; and Section 8.e: Information Collection

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:

- (5) Minor temporary uses of land and water having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment, including festivals, boating activities, parades, and running or bicycling events;
- (6) Minor trenching or backfilling where the surface is restored;

AND/OR

8.e. Information Collection: Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major significant disturbance to an environmental resource.

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 soil borings for a geotechnical investigation, would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, and would not result in a serious or major significant disturbance to an environmental resource.

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)(4) of the Port Act, which allows for the construction, reconstruction, repair, and maintenance of highways, streets, roadways, bridges, belt line railroads, parking facilities, power, telephone, telegraph or cable lines or landings, water and gas pipelines, and all other transportation and utility facilities or betterments incidental, necessary, or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of any of the uses set forth in this section. 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

Determination by:  
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Assistant Planner  
Development Services

Signature: Michael Paul  
Date: May 19, 2021

Deputy General Counsel

Signature: [Signature]  
Date: May 18, 2021