



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

Project: Emergency Shoreline Stabilization at Admiralty Way at Imperial Beach  
Location: Street End of Admiralty Way, Imperial Beach, CA 91932  
Parcel No.: 062-001  
Project No.: 2021-016  
Applicant: Ernesto Medina, Chief Engineer, Engineering-Construction, San Diego Unified Port District, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101  
Date Approved: March 2, 2021

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed project would involve temporary revetment construction to protect scoured shoreline as a result of storm activity and to protect public safety by the San Diego Unified Port District (District) in the City of Imperial Beach, California. Work to specifically complete the proposed project would involve the following: (1) removal of trash, concrete slabs, and debris and excavation of stones that are currently located within the excavated area; (2) placement of geotextile fabric on the prepared existing ground for the footprint of the new revetment; (3) placement of gravel above the fabric to fill the eroded areas to the elevation of the existing ground of the adjacent parking lot; (4) adding geotextile fabric on the finished surface of gravel fill; (5) placement of armor stones on the top layer to be aligned with the existing grade of the parking lot; and (6) placement of sand above the revetment. Construction of the revetment would be temporary in nature until a permanent solution can be determined. The proposed improvements would prevent further erosion of the shoreline and would protect potential future damage to the parking lot and enhance public safety at the site. Public access will be provided to the maximum extent feasible, with the objective of providing access to the beach in a manner similar to pre-erosion conditions. Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to occur in March 2021 and would take approximately one (1) week 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 Exemption: SG §15304, Class 4/Section 3.d: Minor Alterations to Land

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.

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 consists of temporary shoreline revetment to enhance

public safety as a result of storm damage, 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: Imperial Beach Oceanfront (Precise Plan Figure 25)

The above project proposes temporary shoreline revetment to enhance public safety as a result of storm damage. The project site is located in an area that has not been incorporated into the Port Master Plan and is therefore not within the District’s coastal development permitting jurisdiction. The project site is within the coastal development permitting jurisdiction of the City of Imperial Beach and approval of the project must be obtained from that agency; 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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Date: Mar 2, 2021

Deputy General Counsel

Signature: Chris Burt  
Date: Mar 2, 2021