



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

Project: Emergency Temporary Shelter and Processing Center for Unaccompanied Minor Migrant Children at San Diego Convention Center
Location: 111 West Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101
Parcel No.: 019-005 and 019-017
Project No.: 2021-036
Applicant: City of San Diego; San Diego Convention Center Corporation
Date Approved: Mar 25, 2021

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of San Diego, in coordination with the United States government, is completing the temporary conversion of the San Diego Convention Center to an emergency temporary shelter and processing center for unaccompanied minor migrant children in order to assist with efforts to alleviate the humanitarian crisis occurring along the southern border of the United States (Project). The emergency work consists of the temporary conversion of convention areas and meeting space to provide basic necessities, such as shelter, food and medical care to unaccompanied minor migrant children seeking asylum, as well as to process such children's asylum requests and reunite them with their families or American sponsors. The shelter and processing center is expected to accommodate approximately 1,450 unaccompanied minor children, in addition to necessary security and medical support personnel.

The Project is intended for the temporary conversion of existing meeting space areas and does not propose to expand the size or use of the convention center. Coastal access will be maintained.

Emergency Status – This emergency development is requested on the basis that immediate action is necessary for the purpose of protecting public health from imminent danger. The temporary conversion of meeting space to a temporary shelter and processing center for unaccompanied minor migrant children is necessary for alleviating the humanitarian crisis occurring along the southern border of the United States.

The following categorical determinations are based on all project information known to the District as of the date of this determination.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

The project is determined to be Statutorily Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15269.c (Emergency Projects; Specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency).

CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT

PORT MASTER PLAN CONSISTENCY

Planning District: 3 - Centre City Embarcadero (Precise Plan Figure 11).

Land Use Designation: Commercial Recreation

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve an emergency use of a temporary nature.

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

The above project proposes the emergency conversion of the San Diego Convention Center to a temporary shelter and processing center for unaccompanied minor migrant children necessary to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services. This project is determined to be an "emergency development" under section 7.d.(2) (Emergency Development) of the District's *Coastal Development Permit Regulations*:

Emergency developments are those necessary to maintain, repair, restore, demolish, protect, or replace property or facilities damaged, destroyed, or threatened by imminent danger from a sudden, unexpected occurrence, which demands immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services. Emergency includes, but is not limited to, such occurrences as fire, flood, windstorm, earthquake, or other soil or geologic movements as well as occurrences as riot, accident, or sabotage.

Pursuant to the District's Coastal Development Permit Regulations, the Executive Director granted an emergency permit for this development, finding that: (1) an emergency exists that requires immediate action, and (2) the work is temporary in nature. The permit will authorize these activities to proceed, as necessary, on a temporary basis.

J. STUYVESANT
President/CEO

Determination by:
Lesley Nishihira
Director
Planning and Green Port

Signature: 
Date: Mar 25, 2021

Deputy General Counsel

Signature: Rebecca S. Harrington
Date: Mar 25, 2021