



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2022 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
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LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 12/14/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2022-0893	

PROJECT TITLE  
CORAL TREE REPLANTING PROGRAM AT TIDELAND PUBLIC PARKS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME KEN WALLIS, SDUPD	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 619-686-6361	
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 3165 PACIFIC HIGHWAY	CITY SAN DIEGO	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 92101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency   
  School District   
  Other Special District   
  State Agency   
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,539.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$2,548.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,203.25	\$	0.00


- Exempt from fee
- Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	0.00

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

- Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County Clerk, JULIE ANN SAN JUAN, Deputy
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Payment Reference #: CHECK #204035



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK  
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

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Dec 14, 2022 09:34 AM  
Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr.  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK  
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Project Title

**CORAL TREE REPLANTING PROGRAM AT TIDELANDS PUBLIC PARKS**

**Check Document being Filed:**

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO  
COUNTY CLERK ON** December 14, 2022  
**Posted** December 14, 2022 **Removed** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Notice of Exemption**

**CEQA Guidelines Appendix E**

<p><b>To:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814</li>   <li>■ San Diego County Recorder/County Clerk 1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260 San Diego, CA 92101-2480</li> </ul>	<p><b>From:</b> San Diego Unified Port District Development Services Department 3165 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92101</p>
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**Project Title:** Coral Tree Replanting Program at Tidelands Public Parks  
**Project Location – Specific:** Harbor Island Park, 1875 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92101; Spanish Landing Park, 3900 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101; Tuna Harbor Park, 3 Tuna Lane, San Diego, CA 92101; Embarcadero Marina Park North, 400 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92101; Chula Vista Bayfront Park, 980 Marina Way, Chula Vista, CA 91910  
**Project location – City:** San Diego and Chula Vista  
**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The District, as the applicant and permittee for the Project (referred to herein as "Permittee"), proposes to remove coastal coral trees (coral tree) (scientific name, *Erythrina caffra*) and replant with pre-identified different species located at various District-operated parks, allowing for the enhancement of public park space and the ability to address the failing coral trees on Tidelands (collectively, "Project"). The Project would apply to certain District-operated parks within Harbor Island/Lindbergh Field (Precise Plan Figure 9), Centre City Embarcadero (Precise Plan Figure 11), and Chula Vista Bayfront (Precise Plan Figure 19) Planning Areas (Project Sites).

The Project involves removing 72 existing coral trees and replanting of a minimum of 72 trees of different species, associated staging, required work trucks and equipment, and necessary maintenance. The trees proposed for replanting would be planted between early 2023 and late 2025. The Permittee proposes to conduct all tree removal activities outside of the migratory bird breeding and nesting season, and no removal work is anticipated to occur between February 15 and September 1. The Project is anticipated to have minimal impacts to public parking and public access, and any temporary closures to parking stalls or walkways, bikeways, and promenades required for Project staging would be avoided to the extent possible and reopened promptly following completion of work. All of the District-operated parks included within the scope of this Project are to remain operational throughout the duration of the Project. The District will continue to prune failing limbs and grade protruding roots for existing coral trees until removal work is complete.

In order to address the loss of coral trees and existing deficits, the District will replant trees at a minimum of a 1:1 ratio at the Project Sites. All of the possible tree species would be suited for the San Diego environment and would require minimal watering once established. Tree species proposed for replanting shall be drought-tolerant (or irrigated via reclaimed water), either native or non-invasive plant species, and would reflect the palette of trees and shrubs which already exist elsewhere on Tidelands. The approximate range of box sizes for the proposed trees would include 15 gallons, 24 inches, and a maximum of 36 inches. The tree(s) proposed for replanting may be planted in a different location from where a coral tree was previously removed.

Staging for the Project would typically occur near the coral tree removal and tree replanting sites. For removal and replanting locations that cannot be reached by work trucks within the limits of the park, temporary staging would occur in the adjacent District parking lot. If staging is required within the parking lot, the District will minimize the number of temporary parking stall closures, to the extent possible, and any impacted parking stalls would be reopened promptly following the successful removal or replanting of a tree. There would be a maximum of five (5) public parking stalls temporarily used at a time if staging in the parking lot is necessary. For removal and replanting locations near existing walkways, bikeways, or promenades, pedestrian traffic would be temporarily rerouted to

safely allow for work to occur, and any impacted walkway, bikeway or promenade would be reopened for public use promptly following the successful removal or replanting of a tree. The contractor would be required to properly safe-off the area when work is being performed. For any public parking or public access that could be affected by the Project, the District will install proper signage to notify members of the public and surrounding tenants a minimum of 72 hours prior to removal, stump grinding, replanting, or additional preparation or clean-up efforts. Furthermore, the surrounding tenants would be notified if there is any work that could potentially impact their operations. Additionally, traffic control would be implemented by the District in areas where traffic circulation could be affected, such as in the parking lot. The promenade, bikepaths, walkways and parking stalls can only be closed during active tree removal and shall remain open until stump grinding work occurs (i.e. during the approximately three weeks of lag time between removal and stump grinding).

To ensure the success of the Project, the District will implement a five (5) year monitoring program involving specific performance standards developed by a qualified biologist, arborist, or other resource specialist(s).

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** San Diego Unified Port District (SDUPD)  
**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Ken Wallis, SDUPD, Director of Guest Experiences, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101; (619) 686-6361

- Exempt Status:** (Check one):
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
  - Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
  - Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
  - Categorical Exemptions: Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1)**
  - Statutory Exemption. State code number:

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 3.a. (12) of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA. This is appropriate for the proposed project because it would consist of removing coral trees and replanting with pre-identified different species that would involve a negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing and would not have any permanent effects on the environment. 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). Section 3.a. (12) of the District's CEQA Guidelines is as follows:

- 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:
  - (12) Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs.

**Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number:** Lillian Mattes, (619) 686-8200

**Signature:** J. Mattes **Date:** 12/14/2022 **Title:** Assistant Planner

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

**Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:**