



CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS  
and  
NOTICE OF APPROVAL

Project: Installation of Cathodic Protection Anode Wells by BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair at Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal  
Location: 2205 E. Belt Street San Diego, CA 92113  
Parcel No.: 021-015  
Project No.: 2023-068  
Applicant: Lydia Pellecer, Environmental Manager, BAE Systems, PO Box 13308 San Diego, CA 92170  
Date Approved: 05/24/2023

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed project would involve the installation of cathodic protection anode wells on Pier 1 and Pier 4 by BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair (Applicant) in the city of San Diego, California. Installation of these wells would protect the piers from corrosion. Work to specifically complete the proposed project would involve the following:

- Pothole down to 10 feet using a hydro-vacuum truck to ensure no unmarked structures or utilities are below grade prior to drilling.
- Drill one (1) well at Pier 1 to a depth of approximately 250-280 feet using a rotary drill rig.
- Drill eight (8) wells at Pier 4 to a depth of approximately 20-40 feet using a rotary drill rig.
- Load the anode hole at Pier 1 well with coke breeze and seal the top 50 feet with cement.
- Backfill the Pier 4 wells with dirt and compact.
- At Pier 1, run anode leads in conduit over to the junction box where they will be terminated inside a junction box inside the well vault.
- At Pier 4, run the anode leads in conduit through a trench over to the existing rectifier location.

The wells would contain anodes and would connect to the existing piping and sheet piles at these piers through a rectifier. The rectifier would create an electrical circuit that would convert the structures to become cathodic and protect them from corrosion.

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to occur in Summer 2023 and would take approximately two (2) months to complete. The project would require a drill rig, vacuum truck, and an F-550 truck. All equipment would be staged within the Applicant's Leasehold.

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, 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 §15301, Class 1/Section 3.a: Existing Facilities and SG §15303, Class 3/Section 3.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

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:

- (1) Repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing mooring facilities, floats, piers, piles,

wharves, bulkhead, revetment, buoys, or similar structures; marine terminal facilities; airport facilities; and commercial industrial, or recreational facilities.

AND/OR

- 3.c. **New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (SG § 15303) (Class 3):** Includes construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and conversion of existing small structures from one use to another with minor modifications to the exterior of the structure. Examples of this exemption include:
- (2) Accessory (appurtenant) structures and mechanical equipment including, but not limited to, garages, sheds, railway spur tracks, pilings, temporary trailers, industrial equipment enclosures, fences, parking, on-site roadways, walkways and health and safety devices.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorical 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 would consist of the construction of new wells on existing piers that would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. 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: 4 - Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal (Precise Plan Figure 13)

Land and Water Use Designations: Marine Related Industrial and Specialized Berthing

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve the installation of anode wells on existing piers 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***

Categorical Exclusions: Section 8.a: Existing Facilities and Section 8.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

- 8.a. **Existing Facilities:** The 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:
- (10) Repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing mooring facilities, floats, piers, bulkhead, revetment, buoys, or similar structures

AND/OR

- 8.c. **New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures:** Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation of small, new equipment and facilities, involving negligible or no change of existing use of the property, including but not limited to:
- (3) Accessory Structures, including, but not limited to, on-premise signs, small parking lots, fences, walkways, swimming pools, miscellaneous work buildings, temporary trailers, small accessory piers, minor mooring facilities, buoys, floats, pilings, or similar structures; and seasonal or temporary use items such as lifeguard towers, mobile food units, portable restrooms, or similar structures

The proposed project is determined to be Categorical 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 would consist of the construction of new wells on existing piers that would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing.

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)(1) of the Port Act, which allows for the establishment, improvement, and conduct of a harbor, and for the construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and operation of wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays, and all other works, buildings, facilities, utilities, structures, and appliances incidental, necessary, or convenient, for the promotion and accommodation of commerce and navigation. 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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Assistant/Deputy General Counsel

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Date: 05/24/2023