



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

Project: Emergency Erosion Repairs at Grand Caribe
Location: Grand Caribe Shoreline Park 598 Grand Caribe Causeway Coronado, CA 92118
Parcel No.: 046-011
Project No.: 2024-002
Applicant: San Diego Unified Port District (District) 3165 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92101
Date: January 9, 2024

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is for emergency repairs to the shoreline at Grand Caribe Shoreline Park. District staff was notified of a main irrigation line break at south Grand Caribe (in the natural shoreline park) that occurred over the weekend (January 6-7, 2024). This break has resulted in significant scouring of the shoreline, exposed irrigation pipes, and presents an immediate need for action to protect the natural shoreline. Compounding the issue, the region is experiencing King Tides this week, which will exacerbate the erosion. High tides on Thursday, January 11, and Friday, January 12, 2024, will be approximately 7.15 feet in the morning, draining out to a negative tide in the afternoon.

District staff evaluated the conditions and determined a temporary solution, which would include:

- Install temporary fence at the top of the scoured edge for pedestrian/public safety.
- Disconnect, remove and/or abandon in-place irrigation lines on the southern portion of Grand Caribe. At this time, it has been determined that irrigation is not critical in this area.
- Triton Engineering has been tasked to identify a temporary solution using burlap sandbags. This would include direction on height, length, and arrangement of sandbags to protect the shoreline in the immediate vicinity of the scouring.
- Once Triton Engineering completes the task, it would be relayed to General Services for coordination and implementation.
- Coordinate materials and method for deployment of sandbags.
- Deploy sandbags, anticipated to be completed by Wednesday (1/10), pending direction provided by District Engineering.
- Monitoring the site for any further irrigation line breaks, scouring of the shoreline, and environmental or public safety hazards.

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.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exemptions: SG §15301, Class 1/Section 3.a: Existing Facilities; SG §15303, Class 3/Section 3.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; SG §15304, Class 4/Section 3.d: Minor Alterations to Land and SG §15306, Class 6/Section 3.f: Information Collection

- 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:

- (7) Existing facilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility service.
- (8) Existing highways, streets, sidewalks, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, except where the activity will involve removal of a scenic resource including a stand of trees, a rock outcropping, or an historic building.
- (12) Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs.
- (13) Maintenance of wildlife habitat areas, stream flows, springs, waterholes and stream channels to protect wildlife resources.

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.
- (3) Water, sewer, electrical, gas, telephone, and other utility structures or facilities.

AND/OR

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:

- (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.

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.

AND/OR

3.g. Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources (SG § 15307) (Class 7): Includes actions taken by regulatory agencies to assure the maintenance, restoration or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment. AND/OR

3.h. Actions by Regulatory Agency for Protection of the Environment (SG § 15308) (Class 8): Includes actions taken by regulatory agencies to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

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. This is appropriate for the proposed project because it would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing and would not result in a significant cumulative impact due to the continuation of the existing use, would consist of construction and location of new, small facilities/structures, would result in no permanent effects on the environment, and would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees,

is for the purpose of basic data collection/research/experimental management/resource evaluation activities which would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, is for the purpose of the maintenance, restoration or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment, and is for the purpose of the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of 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).

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: 8 - Silver Strand South (Precise Plan Figure 21)

Land Use Designations: Commercial Recreation and Park/Plaza

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve the installation of a temporary fence for public safety and the placement of sandbags as a temporary solution to address shoreline scouring caused by an irrigation line break consistent with the existing certified Land 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; Section 8.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; Section 8.d: Minor Alterations to Land; and Section 8.e: Information Collection

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:

- (1) Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances;
- (2) Public and private utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewer, or other utility services;
- (3) Streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian paths, and similar facilities;
- (4) Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health, safety, District policy, or as required by contractual conditions;
- (8) Maintenance of wildlife habitat area, fish enhancement structures, streamflows, and stream channels (clearing of debris) to protect fish and wildlife resources.

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:

- (2) Water main, sewer, electrical, gas, or other utility extensions of reasonable length to serve such construction;
- (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;

AND/OR

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.

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 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 involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, would involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, would involve negligible or no change of existing use of the property, 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)(7) of the Port Act, which allows for the establishment and maintenance of those lands for open space, ecological preservation, and habitat restoration. 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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