



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 37-03/13/2024-0177
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LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 03/13/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2024-0177	

PROJECT TITLE
WONDERFRONT MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME PAUL THORNTON, PRESIDENT, WONDERFRONT HOLDINGS, LLC	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 619-340-1070
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 550 WEST B STREET, 4TH FLOOR	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)	\$4,051.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	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 <i>X Maria Gomez</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County Clerk, MARIA GOMEZ, Deputy
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Payment Reference #:



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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Project Title

WONDERFRONT MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

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):

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COUNTY CLERK ON** March 13, 2024
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Notice of Exemption

CEQA Guidelines Appendix E

To: ■ San Diego County Recorder/County Clerk
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260
San Diego, CA 92101-2480

From: ■ San Diego Unified Port District
Development Services Department
3165 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

Project Title: Wonderfront Music & Arts Festival

Project Location – Specific: Embarcadero Marina Park North (EMPN) (including parking lot); Ruocco Park (including parking lots); Seaport Village (including parking lots); Fifth Avenue Landing parking lot; and, The Headquarters

Project location – City: San Diego

Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Wonderfront Holdings, LLC, as the Project Applicant (Applicant), proposes a three-day music and arts festival event, referred to as the "Wonderfront Festival" (Festival). The inaugural event was held in November 2019, and a subsequent event was held in November 2022. The Festival took place over a total of 11 days: three consecutive event days on the weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday), and eight days for load-in and load-out. The Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) authorized the issuance of the first Coastal Development Permit (CDP) in 2019 (Clerk's Document No. 70574). Due to substantial changes proposed for the 2022 Festival, the BPC authorized the issuance of a new CDP in 2022 (Clerk's Document No. 74300). The Festival was determined to be Categorical Exempt to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA.

For 2024, the Festival would be moved from its mid-November timeframe to May, and the duration of the Festival would remain unchanged (11 days total). In addition, the number of stages will increase from a maximum of six to seven stages, but the Festival footprint would be further reduced by eliminating Port Pavilion and Broadway Pier. The Festival would employ a hybrid approach to ensure the general public would be able to enjoy the Festival for free - there would be up to two free community stages at Seaport Village and the Applicant would also distribute free tickets to underserved communities. Additionally, District staff proposes to refine and continue to improve the Sound Monitoring Program requirements to ensure sound annoyance during the Festival is further minimized. The proposed CDP amendment is found to be Categorical Exempt pursuant to CEQA because the Festival is temporary in nature, and none of the proposed changes would result in any permanent effects on the environment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego Unified Port District (SDUPD)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Paul Thornton, President, Wonderfront Holdings, LLC, 550 West B Street, 4th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101; (619) 340-1070

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), Minor Alternations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4), Accessory Structures (SG § 15311) (Class 11) and Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings (SG § 15323) (Class 23)**
- 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 Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), 15311 (Accessory Structures), and 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) and Sections 3.a., 3.d.(6), and 3.i. of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA. The Festival consists of activities associated with a temporary event that would involve a negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing and installation of temporary structures (e.g. stages). It would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, would not result in permanent effects on the environment, and would consist of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings. Sections 3.a., 3.d. (6), and 3.i. of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA and Section 15323 of the CEQA Guidelines are 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.

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:
(6) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment.

AND/OR

3.i. Accessory Structures (SG § 15311) (Class 11): Includes construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing facilities.

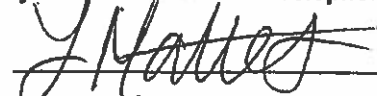
AND/OR

Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings (SG §15323) (Class 23)

Consists of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For the purposes of this section, "past history" shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility. Facilities included within this exemption include, but are not limited to, racetracks, stadiums, convention centers, auditoriums, amphitheaters, planetariums, swimming pools, and amusement parks.

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). The project is located in a highly urbanized environment, and there are no sensitive resources located on the project site or surrounding areas. The project is temporary in nature and does not present a cumulative impact. There is not a reasonable probability that the project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. No damage to scenic resources would occur and the project site is not listed as a hazardous waste site pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The project does involve use of the Headquarters for temporary back of house operations, but it would not result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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

Signature:  **Date:** 7/13/2024 **Title:** Associate Planner

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:

2024-020

San Diego County



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 Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
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 P. O. Box 121750, San Diego, CA 92112-1750
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www.sdarcc.gov

Cashier Date: 03/13/2024
 Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 03/13/2024 9:31 am

Payment Summary

Total Fees:	\$150.00
Total Payments:	\$150.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT \$150.00

Total Payments **\$150.00**

Filings

CEQA - NOE FILE #: 2024-000186 Date: 03/13/2024 9:29AM Pages: 3
State Receipt # 37-03/13/2024-0176
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Grand Total - All Documents: **\$150.00**