

Project: Agreement with Allied Waste Systems, Inc. for Solid Waste and Recycling Collection, Disposal, and Management Services  
Location: San Diego, Coronado, National City, Chula Vista, and Imperial Beach, CA  
Parcel No.: Various  
Project No.: 2024-037  
Applicant: Allen Broughton, Acting Director, General Services, San Diego Unified Port District, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101  
Date: May 14, 2024

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed project involves an agreement between San Diego Unified Port District (District) and Allied Waste Systems, Inc. to provide solid waste and recycling collection, disposal, and management services at various District facilities and as needed locations. Services include the removal of waste generated by routine District operations such as construction activities, boat demolition, landscaping maintenance and the scheduled collection and recycling of paper, aluminum, plastics, glass, etc. at District facilities. More specifically, disposal and recycling services may include the collection of, but not be limited to, the following:

- General trash (including construction waste and debris)
- Green waste (including lawn cuttings, tree trimmings, and other organic waste)
- Recyclable materials (newspaper, paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, aluminum cans, etc.)
- Universal waste (lightbulbs, batteries of all types, e-waste, including monitors, TVs and miscellaneous e-waste)
- Used tires (to a state permitted facility)
- Treated wood waste
- Organic waste

The agreement is anticipated to commence August 1, 2024, and terminate on June 30, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000. Services would also include the provision of dumpster and recycling containers to various District locations. Furthermore, Allied Waste Systems, Inc. would be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding solid waste and recycling services.

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 Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1)/District Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA Section 3.a: Existing Facilities

- 3.a. Existing Facilities: 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:

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the Section of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above. This is appropriate for the proposed project because it would involve an agreement to support existing District facilities for as needed solid waste and recycling collection, disposal, and management services 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).

**CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT**

**PORT MASTER PLAN CONSISTENCY**

Planning Districts: 1 - Shelter Island/La Playa (Precise Plan Figure 4); 2 - Harbor Island/Lindbergh Field (Precise Plan Figure 9); 3 - Centre City Embarcadero (Precise Plan Figure 11); 4 - Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal (Precise Plan Figure 13); 5 - National City Bayfront (Precise Plan Figure 15); 6 - Coronado Bayfront (Precise Plan Figure 17); 7 - Chula Vista Bayfront (Precise Plan Figure 19); 8 - Silver Strand South (Precise Plan Figure 21); 9 - South Bay Saltlands (Precise Plan Figure 23); Imperial Beach Oceanfront (Precise Plan Figure 25)

Land Use Designations: Open Space; Park/Plaza; Promenade; Streets; Harbor Services; Marine Terminal

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it is an agreement with the District and Allied Waste Systems, Inc. to support existing District facilities for as needed solid waste and recycling collection, disposal, and management services consistent with the existing certified Land use designations. The proposed project would not change the uses of the sites nor would it interrupt or expand the existing conforming uses of the sites.

**CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION**

Categorical Exclusion: Section 8.a: Existing Facilities

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:

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Excluded pursuant to the Section of the District’s *Coastal Development Permit Regulations* as identified above. This is appropriate for the proposed project because it would involve an agreement to support existing District facilities for as needed solid waste and recycling collection, disposal, and management services that would involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing.

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE**

The proposed project complies with Section 87.(a)(5) of the Port Act, which allows for the construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and operation of public buildings, public assembly and meeting places, convention centers, parks, playgrounds, bathhouses and bathing facilities, recreation and fishing piers, public recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, public golf courses, and for all works, buildings, facilities, utilities, structures, and appliances incidental, necessary, or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of any of those uses. 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.

RANDA CONIGLIO  
Acting President/CEO

Determination by:  
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Date: 05/09/2024

Deputy General Counsel

Signature: Shiraz D. Tangri  
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