



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

Project: FY 2022 Port Security Grant Program
Location: 2710 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA, 92101
209 Catalina Boulevard, San Diego, CA, 92106
Parcel No.: N/A
Project No.: 2024-050
Applicant: David Foster, Homeland Security Program Manager, San Diego Unified Port District,
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The San Diego Unified Port District (District) Homeland Security Program helps to identify risks and threats within San Diego Bay to ensure regional security. This includes leveraging existing technology to address the security and safety of the District. One current camera sensor being used to monitor the San Diego Bay, referred to as WAVCam, is located in Point Loma. This WAVCam is functional, however a new, improved version has been developed by the manufacturer, Innovative Signal Analysis, Inc (ISA).

The original Generation 1 WAVCam camera was installed as part of Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) funding which was awarded in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014. The District was awarded additional funding through the PSGP in FY 2022 for the Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) Detection Capability Project which includes upgrading the current camera sensor at Point Loma. In order to upgrade the current camera sensor, a Generation 2 WAVCam camera sensor manufactured by ISA, Inc. will be purchased and installed through the execution of an equipment purchase and service agreement. The current Generation 1 equipment will be relocated to the Joint Harbor Operation Center (JHOC) at the US Coast Guard Sector San Diego, providing extended coverage, tracking and alerts.

Work for the proposed project would involve the use of a utility truck with a bucket to raise personnel and equipment to the work site. There would be no trenching or ground disturbance required for the proposed project.

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: 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.

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 the project involves an equipment purchase and service

agreement that would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing and would consist of the purchase, installation and maintenance of camera equipment on existing facilities. A Notice of Exemption was filed on October 15, 2014 for the FY 2014 PSGP which analyzed five security-related projects including the original installation of the Generation 1 camera in Point Loma.

As to the relocation of the Generation 1 system, the Sector San Diego District unit in which the JHOC building exists is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). However, the property's historical resource status under CEQA remains undetermined as there has been no State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurrence. The District has determined that there would not be a substantial adverse change to any potentially historic resource because the proposed project will merely involve the installation of one (1) external camera here. The camera is not a permanent fixture and can be removed; further, the camera is a similar color to the exterior of the building. Furthermore, four (4) cameras of similar size are currently installed on the roof of the JHOC building. Therefore, the proposed project would not materially impair the architectural integrity nor the historical significance of this potentially historic resource.

Therefore, 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

The proposed project relates to sites that are not within the District's jurisdiction and therefore actions pursuant to the California Coastal Act are not required by the District. As a result, additional approvals may be required from other agencies.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE

The proposed project complies with Sections 21, 35, and 87 of the Port Act, which allow for the Board to pass resolutions, do all acts necessary and convenient for the exercise of its powers, and 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 Board action is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine.

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Date: 05/15/2024

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Date: 05/15/2024