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2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
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RECEIPT NUMBER:

37-06/12/2025-0443

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LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 06/12/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2025-0443	

PROJECT TITLE
IMPROVEMENTS TO STORAGE LOT AT 1550 W PALM STREET BY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME JACOB BAKER, MANAGEMENT ANALYST, ENGINEERING-CONSTRUCTION, SAN DIEGO UNIFIED	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER 619-821-6308
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 3165 PACIFIC HIGHWAY	CITY SAN DIEGO	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 92109

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)	\$4,123.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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

X

J. Hood

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, TIFFANI HOOD, Deputy

Payment Reference #: ORDER # 203590081 AND AUTH # 061740



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

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Jun 12, 2025 10:39 AM
JORDAN Z. MARKS
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
File # 2025-000488
State Receipt # 37061220250443

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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

**IMPROVEMENTS TO STORAGE LOT AT 1550 W PALM STREET BY SAN DIEGO
UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT**

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):

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO
COUNTY CLERK ON** June 12, 2025
Posted June 12, 2025 **Removed** _____
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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: Improvements to Storage Lot at 1550 W Palm Street by San Diego Unified Port District

Project Applicant: Jacob Baker, Management Analyst, Engineering-Construction, San Diego Unified Port District, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92109; 619-821-6308

Project Location – Specific: 1550 West Palm Street, San Diego, CA 92101

Project location – City: San Diego

Project Location – County: *San Diego*

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project would involve improvements to an existing vehicle and equipment storage lot in order to use the site as a cruise terminal truck staging and security screening lot by the San Diego Unified Port District (District) in the city of San Diego, California. Work to specifically complete the proposed project would involve clearing out the existing lot through the removal of approximately three (3) palm trees, (including two (2) Queen palms (*Syagrus romanzoffiana*) and one (1) Mexican fan palm (*Washingtonia robusta*)) and the demolition of minor structures including the existing guard booth, various curbs, concrete pads, concrete masonry unit walls, and landscape islands. Work would also include widening the existing entrance and exit gates, repairing pavement, replacing and installing irrigation systems, installing two (2) 6 feet x 8 feet guard booths, and re-stripping the pavement, with ongoing inspections, maintenance, repairs, and replacement as needed. Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to occur in approximately late 2025 and would take approximately one (1) month to complete. The proposed project would not involve closures of the sidewalk or roads adjacent to the site, and all staging would occur within the footprint of the site. Construction equipment is anticipated to include jackhammers, saws, tractors with hydraulic hammers, dump trucks, forklifts, compactors, and concrete trucks. Construction hours would be Monday through Friday from approximately 7am-3:30pm.

With tree removal activities, if the bird breeding and nesting season cannot be avoided and removal must occur between February 15 and September 1, the District proposes that a breeding and nesting bird survey would be conducted prior to tree removal activities. If an active nest is located, all work within 500 feet of the nest would be postponed until such nest is vacated and the juveniles have fledged and when there is no attempt of a second nesting.

The three (3) trees to be removed for the proposed project would be replaced with three (3) Pygmy Date Palms (*Phoenix roebelenii*) or another drought-tolerant and/or water wise, non-invasive tree species.

Following construction and during typical operations, the proposed project would accommodate approximately twenty (20) 53-foot-long trucks which would be temporarily staged and screened for security purposes prior to delivering their supplies to the cruise ship terminals. Trucks would enter the lot, go through security screening, and exit the lot between approximately 6am-3pm during the cruise ship season (end of September through the beginning of June). Outside of the cruise ship season, the staging lot is anticipated to be empty, except for occasional truck security screening and staging for off-season cruises.

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

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 Exemption(s): Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1), Replacement or Reconstruction (SG § 15302) (Class 2), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (SG § 15303) (Class 3), and Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4)**
□ 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), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Sections 3.a.(1)(12), 3.b.(2), 3.c.(2) and 3.d.(5) of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because it would involve improvements to an existing vehicle storage lot to accommodate cruise terminal truck staging and screening that would involve a negligible 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 the reconstruction of an existing facility that would have substantially the same purpose and capacity, would consist of construction and location of new, small structures, and would result in no permanent effects on the environment. Sections 3.a.(1)(12), 3.b.(2), 3.c.(2) and 3.d.(5) of the District's 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, 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.
 - (12) Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs.

AND/OR

- 3.b. Replacement or Reconstruction (SG § 15302) (Class 2): Includes replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure being replaced. This exemption includes, but is not limited to:
- (2) Replacement or reconstruction of marine terminal facilities, and marine-oriented commercial, industrial, and public and commercial recreational facilities, including buildings, piers, piles, wharves, marine ways; railroads; airport facilities, runways, taxiways, aprons, and ancillary structures to those facilities; electrical and mechanical systems and equipment; where the new structure will be on essentially the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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.
- (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.

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:
- (5) New gardening or landscaping.

Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number: Justin Huitema, (619) 990-5610

Signature:  **Date:** 6/12/2025 **Title:** Assistant Planner

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
- ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:



San Diego County



Transaction #: 8424453
Receipt #: 2025221973

JORDAN Z. MARKS

Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
1600 Pacific Highway Suite 260
P. O. Box 121750, San Diego, CA 92112-1750
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www.sdarcc.gov

Cashier Date: 06/12/2025
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 06/12/2025 10:41 am

Payment Summary

Total Fees	\$500.00
Total Payments	\$500.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT	\$500.00
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Total Payments	\$500.00
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Filings

CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000488 Date: 06/12/2025 10:39AM Pages: 4
	State Receipt # 37-06/12/2025-0443
Fees:	Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00

CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000489 Date: 06/12/2025 10:39AM Pages: 2
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Total Fees Due:	\$50.00

CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000490 Date: 06/12/2025 10:39AM Pages: 3
	State Receipt # 37-06/12/2025-0445
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Total Fees Due:	\$50.00

CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000491 Date: 06/12/2025 10:39AM Pages: 3
	State Receipt # 37-06/12/2025-0446
Fees:	Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00

CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000492 Date: 06/12/2025 10:39AM Pages: 3
	State Receipt # 37-06/12/2025-0447
Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00
CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000493 Date: 06/12/2025 10:39AM Pages: 3
	State Receipt # 37-06/12/2025-0448
Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00
CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000494 Date: 06/12/2025 10:39AM Pages: 4
	State Receipt # 37-06/12/2025-0449
Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00
CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000495 Date: 06/12/2025 10:39AM Pages: 3
	State Receipt # 37-06/12/2025-0450
Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00
CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000496 Date: 06/12/2025 10:39AM Pages: 4
	State Receipt # 37-06/12/2025-0451
Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00
CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000497 Date: 06/12/2025 10:39AM Pages: 3
	State Receipt # 37-06/12/2025-0452
Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00
Grand Total - All Documents:	\$500.00