



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 37-04/30/2026-0374
STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 04/30/2026
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2026-0374
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PROJECT TITLE  
STORM DRAIN INFRASTRUCTURE RETROFITS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN DISTRICT TIDELANDS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 619-643-1445
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 3165 PACIFIC HIGHWAY	CITY SAN DIEGO	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 92101
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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)	\$4,227.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$	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 X <i>ERS</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County Clerk, ELVA STOPKE, Deputy
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Payment Reference #: VITALCHEK: 219988534/002495



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK  
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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**Project Title**

STORM DRAIN INFRASTRUCTURE RETROFITS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN DISTRICT  
TIDELANDS

**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):

Posted: 4/30/26

Filed by: ELVA STOPKE

Deputy County Clerk

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

**Notice of Exemption**

**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:** Storm Drain Infrastructure Retrofits at Various Locations within District Tidelands

**Project Applicant:** Hector Arias, Associate Engineer, Engineering-Construction, San Diego Unified Port District, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101; (619) 643-1445

**Project Location – Specific:** Shelter Island, San Diego, CA 92106; East Harbor Island, San Diego, CA 92101; Embarcadero Marina Park North, 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 the installation of approximately 10 trash capture devices within existing storm drain systems by the San Diego Unified Port District in the city of San Diego, California. The proposed project is a continuation of Project No. 2025-005, which a Coastal Act Categorical Determination of Exclusion was previously issued for on February 7, 2025, as part of the District's implementation of the San Diego Bay Water Quality Improvement Plan. The proposed project is amended to include approximately 10 new trash capture device installations in addition to the 10 devices previously approved.

The proposed project would include three (3) locations: Shelter Island along Shelter Island Drive (Location 1), East Harbor Island on Liberator Way south of the Harbor Police Department Headquarters (Location 2), and throughout Embarcadero Marina Park North (EMPN; Location 3). No locations within EMPN are proposed within the promenade and would not result in its closure. Work to specifically complete the proposed project would include the following:

**Location 1:**

- Clearing of debris and in-place protection of existing storm drains.
- Modification of four (4) existing catch basins with connector pipe screens.

**Location 2:**

- Clearing of debris and in-place protection of existing storm drains.
- Modification of two (2) existing catch basins with grate inlet filters.

**Location 3:**

- Clearing of debris and in-place protection of existing storm drains.
- Modification of two (2) existing catch basins with connector pipe screens.
- Modification of two (2) existing catch basins with grate inlet filters.

Construction of the proposed project would occur in Spring 2026 and would take approximately one (1) month to complete, with ongoing installations, modifications, and maintenance as needed. Installation of each trash capture device would take approximately one (1) day to complete and would require a crew of approximately three (3) personnel. For locations within parking lots, nearby parking spaces may be closed to complete installation and would only be closed for approximately two (2) hours at a time and would reopen once each device has been installed. Any trash capture devices proposed will require certification from the State Water Board as a Full Capture System Device prior to installation.

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 District would be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding construction demolition debris, hazards and hazardous materials, and stormwater.

**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), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (SG § 15303) (Class 3), Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources (SG § 15307) (Class 7), and Actions by Regulatory Agency for Protection of the Environment (SG § 15308) (Class 8)**
  - 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), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), and Section 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agency for Protection of the Environment), and Sections 3.a., 3.c., 3.g., and 3.h. of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* because it would consist of the installation of trash capture devices in existing storm drain systems that would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, would consist of the installation of small new equipment and facilities appurtenant to small structures, and is an action taken by a regulatory agency to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of natural resources and the environment. Sections 3.a., 3.c., 3.g., and 3.h. 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.

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 site 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.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 resources where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment. Construction activities are not included in this exemption.

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. Construction activities and relaxation of standards allowing environmental degradation are not included in this exemption.

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).

**Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number:** Davin Cox, (619) 686-6293

**Signature:**  **Date:** 4/30/26 **Title:** Planner I

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

**Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:**



San Diego County



Transaction #: 9006141  
Receipt #: 2026166255

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Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk  
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Cashier Date: 04/30/2026  
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 04/30/2026 8:48 am

Payment Summary

Total Fees	\$50.00
Total Payments	\$50.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment	
VITALCHEK PAYMENT	\$50.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
Filing	
CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2026-000405 Date: 04/30/2026 8:47AM Pages: 4
	State Receipt # 37-04/30/2026-0374
Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
<b>Total Fees Due:</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Grand Total - All Documents:</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>