

CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS and NOTICE OF APPROVAL

Project: ROELA to San Diego Port Tenants Association for Ingress, Egress, and Removal of

Trash, Debris and Invasive Species in National City

Location: "B-2" parcel, west of Sweetwater March, east of Marina Way, north of W 32nd Street,

National City. CA 91950

<u>Parcel No.</u>: 027-047 <u>Project No.</u>: 2025-006

Applicant: Sharon Cloward, San Diego Port Tenants Association (dba San Diego Working

Waterfront Group)

Date Approved: January 23, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is a Right of Entry License Agreement (ROELA) to the San Diego Port Tenants Association (dba San Diego Working Waterfront Group) (Licensee) to enter certain District property in National City, generally north of Pier 32 Marina. The area proposed for use under this ROELA is for ingress and egress to the District property for the removal and disposal of trash, debris, and invasive plant species (primarily acacia trees). The invasive plant species will be clearly identified by the District's biologist in advance of the start of the ROELA. No new development, construction, or increase in the size of the area is proposed or authorized as part of the ROELA.

It is anticipated that the ROELA would have a total term of approximately 2 weeks. The ROELA may be terminated by the District as a matter of right or without cause at any time upon providing twenty-four (24) hours written notice to Licensee of such termination.

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 Exemption: SG §15301, Class 1/Section 3.a: Existing Facilities

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.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the Section 15301 of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above. This is appropriate for the proposed project because it would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing and would not result in a significant cumulative impact due to the continuation of the existing use. 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 project site is located in an area that has not been incorporated into the Port Master Plan and is therefore located outside of the District's Coastal Act approval authority, and additional approvals may be required from other agencies.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE

The proposed project complies with Section 87.(a)(7) of the Port Act, which allows for the maintenance of District lands for open space, ecological preservation, and habitat restoration. 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.

SCOTT CHADWICK President/CEO

Determination by:

Anna Buzaitis

Program Director, Planning

Assistant/Deputy General Counsel

Signature: <u>lwwa Bwyaiti</u> Date: 1/23/2025

Signature: <u>Rubuca Harrington</u> Date: 1/23/2025



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