



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

Project: Installation of Coronado Monument Sign by Rotary Club of Coronado at Tidelands Park
Location: Coronado Tidelands Park, 2000 Mullinex Dr, Coronado, CA 92118
Parcel No.: 057-012
Project No.: 2025-020
Applicant: Bill Sandke, Chair, Rotary Club of Coronado, 642 I Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118
Date Approved: 2/19/2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would involve the installation of a monument sign intended to be temporary in nature by the Rotary Club of Coronado (Applicant) at Coronado Tidelands Park in the city of Coronado, California. The sign would spell out the word “CORONADO” and be placed adjacent to the Bayshore Bikeway, northeast of the Coronado Tidelands Park playground. Work to specifically complete the proposed project would involve the installation of:

- A sign structure with removable channel letters measuring approximately 34 feet (ft.) in length, 1 ft. in width, and 4 ft. in height. The letters would be constructed of aluminum and anchored to a concrete base.
- A concrete base measuring approximately 36 ft. in length, 6 ft. in width, and 1 ft. in height, with below-grade footing extending approximately 2 ft. for structural support.
- A surfacing material installed atop the concrete base measuring approximately 3 inches (in.) in height; and
- an adjacent engraved bronze plaque measuring approximately 2 ft. in height and 18 in. in width with a poured-in-place concrete footing.

The surfacing atop the concrete base would not be synthetic playground material, but a material deemed to not contain hazardous chemicals that could negatively impact aquatic organisms, plants, animals, and human health. The surfacing would consist of one of the following options: engineered wood fiber, stabilized engineered wood fiber, or cork material.

Material requirements would be incorporated in an agreement between the San Diego Unified Port District and the Applicant for the execution of this project and would be implemented during the construction and maintenance of the proposed project.

The project proposes the temporary installation of a monument sign for a duration of up to five (5) years, with the possibility of extension. The sign height would not exceed the height of existing vegetation at the project site. The proposed signage would be illuminated through the installation of conduit at 18 in. minimum below ground. The lighting would be recessed, downward directed lighting to avoid light spillover and would not exceed 2700 Kelvin. The sign would be illuminated from sunset until the park’s closing hours. All applicable best management practices would be incorporated in an agreement between the San Diego Unified Port District and the Applicant for the execution of this project and would be implemented during the construction and maintenance of the proposed project.

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to occur in Winter 2026 and would take approximately seven (7) weeks to complete, with ongoing maintenance as needed. Equipment required to complete the project would include a mini excavator, dump truck, and hand tools. Staging for the duration of the proposed project would require the use of approximately five (5) parking stalls, and a small section of promenade would need to be blocked off for several hours on approximately two (2) separate days. The contractor would be responsible for pedestrian and bicycle traffic control on the Bayshore Bikeway and utilize safe-passage signage and safety barriers. Signage notifying the public of the construction of the project and alternative access points and routes shall be posted during the temporary closure.

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 15303 (Class 3)/District Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA Section 3.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4)/District Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA Section 3.d: Minor Alterations to Land; and CEQA Guidelines Section 15311 (Class 11)/District Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA Section 3.i: Accessory Structures

3.c. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: 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.

AND/OR

3.d. Minor Alterations to Land: Includes minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation not involving removal of mature, scenic trees.

AND/OR

3.i. Accessory Structures: Includes construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing facilities.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the Sections of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above because it is the installation of a monument sign that would consist of construction and location of new, small facilities/structures and would result in no permanent effects on the environment, and would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees. 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

PORT MASTER PLAN CONSISTENCY

Planning District: 6 - Coronado Bayfront (Precise Plan Figure 17)

Land Use Designation: Park/Plaza

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve the installation of a monument sign consistent with the existing certified Land Use designation. The proposed project would not change the use of the site nor would it interrupt or expand the existing conforming uses of the site.

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exclusions: Section 8.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and Section 8.d: Minor Alterations to Land

8.c. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structure: Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation on small, new equipment and facilities, involving negligible or no change of existing use of the property, including but not limited to:

- (3) Accessory structures, including, but not limited to, on-premise signs, small parking lots, fences, walkways, swimming pools, miscellaneous work buildings, temporary trailers, small accessory piers, minor mooring facilities, buoys, floats, pilings, or similar structures; and seasonal or temporary use items such as lifeguard towers, mobile food units, portable restrooms, or similar structures.

AND/OR

8.d. Minor Alterations to Land: Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Excluded pursuant to the Sections of the District's *Coastal Development Permit Regulations* as identified above because it would involve negligible or no change of existing use of the property and would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees.

Pursuant to California Coastal Act Section 30717, there is a 10-working-day period to appeal this "Coastal Act Categorical Determination of Exclusion" to the California Coastal Commission.

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.

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President/CEO

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Date: 2/19/2026

Assistant/Deputy General Counsel

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