



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

Project: Fiber Conduit and Security Camera Installation at National City Marine Terminal by San Diego Unified Port District
Location: National City Marine Terminal, 2410 Terminal Ave, National City, CA 91950
Parcel No.: 027-047
Project No.: 2025-029
Applicant: Hector Arias, Associate Engineer, San Diego Unified Port District, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101; 619-643-1445
Date Approved: 5/22/2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would involve the extension of fiber conduit and installation of security cameras in the National City Marine Terminal (NCMT) in order to increase video security coverage onsite by the San Diego Unified Port District (District) in the city of National City, California. Work to specifically complete the proposed project would involve the following:

Fiber Conduit (northwest corner of NCMT)

- Create approximately one small boring through the existing concrete and connect a surface mounted conduit to it

Security Cameras

- Installation of approximately two (2) cameras on existing poles and railings within the northwest corner of NCMT, to be connected to the surface mounted conduit
- Installation of approximately two (2) cameras on existing poles and railings within the southwest corner of NCMT

Construction for the proposed project would occur in approximately late 2025 and take approximately 90 days to complete with ongoing maintenance as needed. Equipment required would include hand tools and associated equipment. There are no proposed street closures nor in-water/over-water work associated with this 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 District 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 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3)/District Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA Section 3.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

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, including but not limited to:

- (3) Interior and exterior remodeling or alterations, involving negligible or no expansion of use

beyond that previously existing, including, but not limited to, marine terminal facilities, and marine-oriented commercial, industrial, and public and commercial recreational facilities, including buildings, piers, wharves, marine ways; railroads; airport facilities, runways, taxiways, aprons, and ancillary structures to those facilities; or mechanical systems and equipment

AND/OR

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. Examples of this exemption include:

- (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

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 would involve the extension of fiber conduit and installation of security cameras and would involve negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing, would not result in a significant cumulative impact due to the continuation of the existing use, and would consist of construction and location of new, small facilities. 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: 5 - National City Bayfront (Precise Plan Figure 15)

Land Use Designation: Marine Terminal

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve the extension of fiber conduit and installation of security cameras 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 Exclusion: Section 8.a: Existing Facilities and Section 8.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

8.a. **Existing Facilities:** The 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) Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances

AND/OR

8.c. **New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures:** Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation of 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

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 the extension of fiber conduit and installation of security cameras, would involve negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing and would involve negligible change of existing use of the property.

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)(1) of the Port Act, which allows for the establishment, improvement, and conduct of a harbor, and for the construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and operation of wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays, and all other works, buildings, facilities, utilities, structures, and appliances incidental, necessary, or convenient, for the promotion and accommodation of commerce and navigation. 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: 5/22/2025

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Date: 5/22/2025