



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

Project: Maintenance Dredging at B Street Cruise Ship Terminal  
Location: 1140 N Harbor Dr., Sn Diego, CA 92101  
Parcel No.: Various  
Project No.: 2025-047  
Applicant: Port of San Diego, Engineering Department  
Date Approved: 4/10/2025

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Maintenance Dredging at B Street Cruise Ship Terminal Project (Project or proposed Project) consists of maintenance/knockdown dredging of an estimated 26,000 cubic yards (cy) of material. The B Street Pier Cruise Ship Terminal is located in north San Diego Bay along the eastern shoreline; dredging activities would occur on the north and south sides of the pier. Maintenance/knockdown dredging activities are needed due to cruise ships moving into and out of the berths causing scour pits and high spots, reducing the berth depth to -28' Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). The proposed project will remove accumulated sediments to -33' MLLW, by moving an estimated 26,000 cy of material from high spots which will then be placed into adjacent scour pits nearby, increasing navigational safety for cruise ships. The original navigational design depth of the B Street Pier Cruise Ship Terminal is -37' MLLW. Sediment quantities to be removed and placed into adjacent scour pits, include 5000 cy with 5500 cy of over depth along the north berth and along the south berth 5000 cy with 9500 cy allowable over depth.

In the knockdown areas to be dredged, all materials shall be removed and disposed of in adjacent scour pits abutting the dredge area by means of side casting the dredge material. Temporary staging of material may be required to effectively move dredged material to the adjacent scour pits. The areas to be dredged are indicated in Exhibit A and include two areas where materials will be removed (dredged) and four scour pits or receiving areas where the material will be deposited. The berths shall be dredged to -33' (MLLW) plus 2' of over dredge. The scour pits will be filled no higher than to -33' (MLLW). Debris not suitable to be used as fill shall be removed from the site and properly disposed of and/or recycled, if possible. Both pre- and post- dredging surveys and post-dredge volume calculations will be performed. The use of a silt curtain, visual monitoring for turbidity outside the silt curtain and species of concern will occur during construction phases using heavy equipment. No pile driving is included with the proposed project.

Dredging would occur with use of a Clamshell bucket or similar equipment, deployed from a barge; seabed leveling may require use of a grading beam to smooth high-spots as needed after dredging. The high spots or shoal, and scour pits dredging will be conducted to minimize the re-suspension of sediment.

The contractor will be required to prepare and submit to the Port and other regulatory agencies for review and approval the following Plans to ensure the safe and timely completion of dredging activities:

- Dredging Operations Plan;
- Solid Debris Management Plan;
- Quality Control Plan for dredging operations;
- Waterway Control Plan(s) including notification to the Maritime Community.

Construction is anticipated to require up to eight weeks to complete construction activities and would occur between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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, 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.

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## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

### **CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION**

Categorical Exemption(s): Class 1 - Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines § 15301; District Guidelines § 3.a.)

Class 1 - Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines § 15301; District Guidelines § 3.a.): 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:

- (2) Periodic maintenance dredging which involves negligible or no expansion of the existing water use areas or facilities.

### **AND/OR**

Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land (District Guidelines § 3.d.): Includes minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation not involving removal of mature, scenic trees, including, but not limited to:

- (3) Minor dredging projects resulting in negligible or no change in the existing type of benthic habitat, limited to dredging depths remaining within the existing boundaries of either intertidal, shallow, or deep subtidal benthic regimes.

The proposed Project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the Section(s) of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above. These are 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 proposed Project 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 § 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(s): 3 - Centre City Embarcadero (Precise Plan Figure 11)

Water Use Designation(s): Terminal Berthing

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve the removal of accumulated sediments to -33' MLLW, by moving an estimated 26,000 cy of material from high spots which will then be placed into adjacent scour pits nearby, increasing navigational safety for cruise ships, consistent with the existing certified Water Use designation(s). 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(s): Section 8.a: Existing Facilities; Section 8.d: Minor Alterations to Land;

Existing Facilities (District Coastal Development Permit Guidelines § 8.a.): 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:

- (11) Periodic maintenance dredging which involves negligible or no enlargement of the existing facility

AND/OR

Minor Alterations to Land (District Coastal Development Permit Guidelines § 8.d.): Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, including but not limited to:

- (7) Maintenance dredging where the spoil is deposited in a spoil area authorized by all applicable local, state, and federal regulatory agencies.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Excluded pursuant to the Section(s) of the District's *Coastal Development Permit Regulations* as identified above. These exclusions are appropriate for the proposed project because it would involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing; the proposed Project 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)(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.

SCOTT CHADWICK  
President/CEO

Determination by:  
Peter Eichar  
Program Manager  
Planning

Signature: Peter Eichar  
Date: 4/10/2025

Assistant/Deputy General Counsel

Signature: Shiraz Tangri  
Date: 4/9/2025



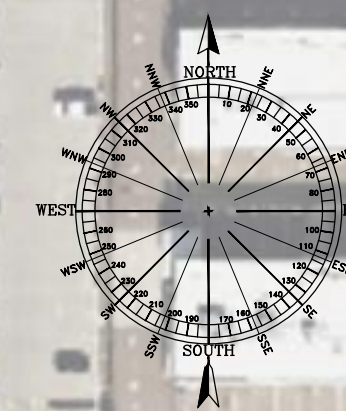
# Exhibit A



## PROJECT LOCATION



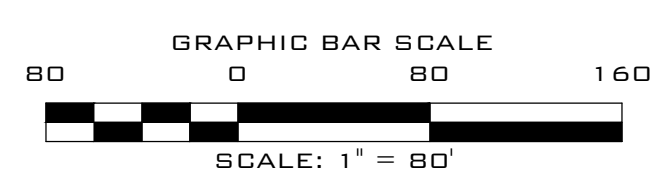
DATUM STATEMENT:



SDUPD-011  
 E 6277663.819  
 N 1842262.818  
 12.99' MLLW

### B Street Cruise Ship Terminal

**COLOR CODE**  
 ABOVE 20  
 20 TO 25  
 30 TO 35  
 35 TO 40  
 BELOW 40



**LOCATION:** B STREET PIER - SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
 CONDITIONAL SURVEY - BATHYMETRIC PLOT

**SURVEY FOR:** TOWILL, INC.  
**SURVEY BY:** GAHAGAN & BRYANT ASSOCIATES, INC.  
**SURVEY DATES:** JUN 17, 2024  
**PLOT DATE:** JUN 19, 2024

**NOTES:**

1. SURVEY VESSEL: "TATI B"
2. SURVEY EQUIPMENT:  
 HORIZONTAL: APPLANIX WAVEMASTER II.  
 VERTICAL: NORBIT - IWBMS.
3. SOUNDING ARE MEASURED IN FEET AND TENTHS AS DETERMINED FROM BM "SDUPD-011", ELEVATION 12.99' MLLW.
4. THE STATIONING AND HORIZONTAL POSITION ARE BASED ON STATE PLANE COORDINATES REFERENCED TO NAD 83 CALIFORNIA ZONE 6 IN FEET (1991.35 EPOCH).
5. PLANIMETRICS AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY.
6. THE INFORMATION PRESENTED ON THIS DRAWING REPRESENTS THE RESULTS OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS PERFORMED ON THE SURVEY DATES PROVIDED, AND CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS INDICATING THE CONDITIONS EXISTING AT THAT TIME.

**DESIGNED BY:** ADP  
**DRAWN BY:** ADP  
**CHECKED BY:** DJE

**TASK ORDER No.:** 006  
**TOWILL, INC PROJECT No.:** 17223-102

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