



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

Project: Installation of Electrical Infrastructure for Continuous Shore Power at “Pride of San Diego” Floating Dry Dock by BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair, Inc.
Location: 2205 East Belt Street, San Diego, CA 92113
Parcel No.: 021-015
Project No.: 2025-070
Applicant: Eric Icke, Vice President/General Manager, BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair, Inc., 2205 East Belt Street, San Diego, CA 92113; (619) 551-8863
Date Approved: 6/11/2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would involve the installation of new electrical infrastructure on the “Pride of San Diego” floating dry dock by BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair, Inc., in the city of San Diego, California. Implementation of the proposed project would upgrade the existing electrical distribution system to enable the dry dock to operate on continuous shore power in place of the current diesel generators during submergence periods associated with docking and undocking activities. Following completion of the proposed project, the operation of diesel generators would be limited to emergency backup power sources and related maintenance and testing.

Work to specifically complete the proposed project would involve the installation of surface-mounted electrical conduit from the landside “Building 13” electrical room along the bulkhead and to the pier’s end.

Two (2) new 12 kV switches and swivel capable cable reel systems would be installed at the end of the pier, which the new electrical conduit would run through before continuing to the dry dock. Once extended to the dry dock, the conduit would run through a new pull box, to be installed, and continue within the interior of the dry dock towards the existing transformer and main switchboard on the northern wing deck. From there, the conduit would connect to the transformer and load interrupter switch located on the southern wing deck. There would be no trenching required to install the new conduit, as new wiring would either be surface-mounted along the bulkhead and pier or would utilize existing 4” conduits. Additionally, no in-water work is proposed.

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in the Summer 2025. Installations would occur as components become available, so while the proposed project may extend over a matter of months, work would be non-continuous during that time. A crew of approximately three (3) personnel would be required to complete the proposed 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 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 15301 (Class 1)/District Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA Section 3.a: Existing Facilities; CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3)/District Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA Section 3.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; and CEQA Guidelines Section 15311 (Class 11)/District Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA Section 3.i: Accessory 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:

- (1) Repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing mooring facilities, floats, piers, piles, wharves, bulkhead, revetment, buoys, or similar structures; marine terminal facilities; airport facilities; and commercial industrial, or recreational facilities.
- (7) Existing facilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility service.

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.

AND/OR

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

- (2) Construction or placement of minor structures or equipment accessory to (appurtenant to) existing airport or marine terminal 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 would consist of the upgrade of an electrical distribution system and installation of minor accessory structures and that 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

PORT MASTER PLAN CONSISTENCY

Planning District: 4 - Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal (Precise Plan Figure 13)

Water Use Designation: Specialized Berthing

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve the upgrade of an electrical distribution system and installation of minor accessory structures consistent with the existing certified Water 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.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.
- (2) Public and private utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewer, or other utility services.
- (10) Repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing mooring facilities, floats, piers, bulkhead, revetment, buoys, or similar structures.

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 consist of the upgrade of an electrical distribution system and installation of minor accessory structures that would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing and would involve no change of the 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)(2) of the Port Act, which allows for all commercial and industrial uses and purposes, and the construction, reconstruction, repair, and maintenance of commercial and industrial buildings, plants, and facilities. 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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Signature: _____
Date: _____ 6/11/2025

Assistant/Deputy General Counsel

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Date: _____ 6/11/2025