

Notice of Exemption**CEQA Guidelines Appendix E**

To ■ San Diego County Recorder/County Clerk
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260
San Diego, CA 92101-2480

From: ■ San Diego Unified Port District
Development Services Department
3165 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

Project Title Upgrade of Turbine #1 Controls and Engine Overhaul by CP Kelco

Project Applicant: Marco Verduzco, Plant Manager, CP Kelco U S , Inc , 2025 E Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92113, (619) 247- 8033

Project Location – Specific 2025 E Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92113

Project location – City San Diego

Project Location – County San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project The proposed project would involve the overhaul of the gas turbine #1 at the plant operated by CP Kelco at 2145 Belt Street in the city of San Diego, California. The purpose of the proposed project is to increase reliability, efficiency, reduce nitrogen oxide emissions and to keep power generation running reliably. The specific work would include

- Overhaul of Turbine #1 Engine
- Replacement of the oil cooler
- Refurbishment the generator
- Repair of duct burner
- Upgrading of the economizer

Construction of the project is anticipated to start in Summer 2025 and would take approximately sixty (60) days to complete. Equipment used would include forklifts, a crane, a manlift, flatbed trucks for transport and steel plates for support. All overhaul work and staging for construction equipment would be conducted inside the existing CP Kelco plant leasehold. Once work is completed all overhaul equipment would be removed from the plant. During construction, the number of construction crew onsite would vary, with a maximum of 20 people onsite. The construction crew would park at the Applicant's existing parking lot on Harbor Drive. CP Kelco would be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding construction demolition debris, hazards and hazardous materials, and stormwater.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project San Diego Unified Port District (SDUPD)

Exempt Status (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1), 15268),
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3), 15269(a)),
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4), 15269(b)(c)),
- ☒ **Categorical Exemptions: Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1) and Replacement or Reconstruction (SG § 15302) (Class 2)**
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is determined to be Categorical Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) and Section 3 a and 3 b of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because it would involve the overhaul of a gas turbine at an existing plant facility 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, and consist of the replacement/reconstruction of an existing structure/facility, be

located on the same site as the structure replaced, and have substantially the same purpose and capacity..
Section 3.a. of the District's CEQA Guidelines is as follows:

- 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.

AND/OR

- 3.b. Replacement or Reconstruction (SG § 15302) (Class 2): Includes replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure being replaced.

Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number: Betsy Viramontes, 619-686-6409

Signature: Betsy Viramontes Date: 9/5/25 Title: Assistant Planner

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:

37-09/05/2025-0680

STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE

09/05/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

SAN DIEGO

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PROJECT TITLE

UPGRADE OF TURBINE #1 CONTROLS AND ENGINE OVERHAUL BY CP KELCO

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

MARCO VERDUZCO, PLANT MANAGER, CP KELCO
U.S., INC.

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

619-247-8033

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

2025 E HARBOR DRIVE

CITY

SAN DIEGO

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

92113

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency

☐ School District

☐ Other Special District

☐ State Agency

☒ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$4,123.50

\$

0.00

☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)

\$2,988.75

\$

0.00

☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW

\$1,401.75

\$

0.00

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)

\$850.00

\$

0.00

☒ County documentary handling fee

\$

50.00

☐ Other

\$

0.00

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cash

☒ Credit

☐ Check

☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED

\$

50.00

SIGNATURE

X Steve Sangthai

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, STEVE SANGTHAI, Deputy

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Project Title

UPGRADE OF TURBINE #1 CONTROLS AND ENGINE OVERHAUL BY CP KELCO

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- ☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ☐ Other (Please fill in type)

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San Diego County



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Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT \$100.00

Total Payments \$100.00

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Thank you,



Thomas Hubbard | *he/him*

Jr. CEQA Analyst

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