



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
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RECEIPT NUMBER:

37-10/30/2025-0881

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LEAD AGENCY

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE

10/30/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

SAN DIEGO

DOCUMENT NUMBER

37-2025-0881

PROJECT TITLE

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF TREES AT CHULA VISTA BAYFRONT PARK BY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

619-686-6378

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

3165 PACIFIC HIGHWAY

CITY

SAN DIEGO

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

92101

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)

\$2,968.75

\$

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

Payment Reference #: ORDER#/AUTH 210869753/038813



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF TREES AT CHULA VISTA
BAYFRONT PARK BY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT

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):

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO
COUNTY CLERK ON** October 30, 2025
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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: Removal and Replacement of Trees at Chula Vista Bayfront Park by San Diego Unified Port District
Project Applicant: Kurt Brickley, Manager, Operations and Maintenance at San Diego Unified Port District, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101, 619-686-6378
Project Location – Specific: 980 Marina Way, Chula Vista, CA 91910
Project location – City: Chula Vista
Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project would involve the removal and replacement of two (2) conifer trees by the San Diego Unified Port District (District) in the city of Chula Vista, California. The two (2) trees are located in the northern planter island in the parking lot at the Chula Vista Bayfront (CVB) Park.

The two (2) existing trees have both died due to improper irrigation and would be replaced with two (2) drought-tolerant and/or water wise, non-invasive trees to be planted at more suitable locations within CVB Park.

The District and/or the District's landscape service providers would remove the two (2) trees in approximately early 2026 using a truck, hand tools, and associated tree removal equipment. The tree removal operations would begin and conclude on the same day. Tree replacement plantings would be completed in approximately mid-2026, with ongoing maintenance as needed, including replacement of the two (2) trees within the first five (5) years of planting if they fail. Work hours for the proposed project would be Monday-Friday from approximately 7am-3:30pm. There would be no impact on parking stalls, traffic, or public access associated with the proposed project. If needed during tree removal activities, the work crew would direct pedestrians safely around the work site. There would be no full closure of the promenade at any point of the proposed project.

With tree removal activities, if the bird breeding and nesting season cannot be avoided and removal must occur between February 15 and September 1, the District proposes that a breeding and nesting bird survey would be conducted prior to tree removal activities. If an active nest is located, all work within 500 feet of raptor nests and 300 feet of other nests, or a distance determined to be appropriate by a qualified biologist, would be postponed until such nest is vacated and the juveniles have fledged and when there is no attempt of a second nesting.

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.

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 Exemption(s): Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1) and Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4)**
☐ 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 Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Sections 3.a. and 3.d. of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because it would consist of the removal and replacement of two (2) trees and the associated tree maintenance that would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, and would result in no permanent effects on the environment.. Sections 3.a. and 3.d. of the District's CEQA Guidelines are as follows:

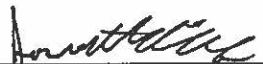
- 3.a. Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1): Includes operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing.

AND/OR

- 3.d. Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4): Includes minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation not involving 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).

Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number: Justin Huitema, 619-821-1952

Signature:  **Date:** 10/30/2025 **Title:** Planner I

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:



San Diego County



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JORDAN Z. MARKS

Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk

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Cashier Date: 10/30/2025

Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 10/30/2025 10:00 am

Payment Summary

Total Fees:	\$100.00
Total Payments:	\$100.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT \$100.00

Total Payments \$100.00

Filings

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Total Fees Due: \$50.00

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Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00

Total Fees Due: \$50.00

Grand Total - All Documents: \$100.00