



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
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37-10/23/2025-0852

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LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/23/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2025-0852	

PROJECT TITLE
INSTALLATION OF COASTSNAP BEACH MONITORING EQUIPMENT BY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA AND
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES AT IMPERIAL BEACH PIER

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME KYLE EMERY, PH.D., RESEARCHER, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA, MARINE SCIENCE	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER 609-760-5993
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 520 SANTA BARBARA	CITY SANTA BARBARA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 93117

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency	☐ School District	☐ Other Special District	☐ State Agency	☒ Private Entity
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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

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, TIFFANI HOOD, Deputy

Payment Reference #: ORDER # 210540837 AND AUTH # 059699



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

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Oct 23, 2025 09:23 AM
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SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
File # 2025-000937
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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

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SANTA BARBARA AND UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES AT IMPERIAL BEACH PIER

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 23, 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: Installation of CoastSnap Beach Monitoring Equipment by University of California, Santa Barbara and University of California, Los Angeles at Imperial Beach Pier

Project Applicant: Kyle Emery, Ph.D., Researcher, University of California, Santa Barbara, Marine Science Institute – Building 520, Santa Barbara, CA 93117; (609) 760-5993

Project Location – Specific: Imperial Beach Pier, Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Project location – City: Imperial Beach

Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project would involve the installation of a photo station for beach and coastline data collection on Imperial Beach Pier by researchers affiliated with University of California, Santa Barbara and University of California, Los Angeles (Applicant), as part of the CoastSnap California Program (CoastSnap), in the city of Imperial Beach, California. The proposed project would also include the issuance of a Tidelands and Occupancy Permit (TUOP).

CoastSnap is a community-based beach monitoring program which allows for repeated data collection through community members and beach visitors that utilize the permanent photo stations and CoastSnap app by uploading shoreline images taken from a fixed location over time. CoastSnap photo stations have been distributed in coastal regions across the world, including the state of California, and provide valuable imagery and data to track coastal changes and sea level rise. Images taken from the Imperial Beach Pier would be collected as part of the new CoastSnap California Program, and uploaded to a CoastSnap California web page and image repository so that all California imagery and data would be located in a centralized repository and available to the public. Installation of the proposed project would contribute to a new, statewide coastline monitoring tool that can be utilized by various groups and organizations including citizens, researchers, management agencies, and local governments.

The location of the proposed project was selected due to the pier's proximity to the Border Field State Park, one (1) of the 12 CoastSnap monitoring sites across the state of California. The pier is the nearest location with high foot traffic, ensuring sufficient image collection, and provides an adequate vantage point of the coastline towards Border Field State Park. The proposed photo station would be installed on the eastern end of the pier along the south side railing, within approximately 215 feet of Portwood Pier Plaza.

Work to specifically complete the proposed project would consist of the installation of a metal photo cradle (slightly larger than the average smartphone) and standard A4 sized informational signage (approximately 8.27" x 11.69") on the railing and vertical post of the pier, which would be attached using simple screws. Installation is anticipated to occur in November 2025, with on-going maintenance as necessary, and would require one (1) person with a power drill and screws. The photo station, including the photo cradle and informational signage, would be removed upon expiration of the TUOP or completion of the intended research, whichever occurs first.

Issuance of the TUOP would allow the Applicant for their use of portions of Imperial Beach Pier only for the non-exclusive purpose of scientific research deployment, including installation, operation, maintenance and removal of equipment in place, and for no other purpose whatsoever without the prior written consent of the Executive Director of the District. It is anticipated that the TUOP would have a term of approximately five (5) years. The TUOP may be terminated by the Executive Director of the District or their duly authorized representative or the Applicant as a matter of right and without cause at any time upon the giving of thirty (30) days' notice in writing to the other party of such termination.

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): New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (SG § 15303) (Class 3), Information Collection (SG § 15306) (Class 6), and Accessory Structures (SG § 15311) (Class 11)**
☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason Why Project Is Exempt: The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), 15306 (Information Collection), and 15311 (Accessory Structures), and Sections 3.c., 3.f., and 3.i. of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* because it would consist of the installation and on-going maintenance of a photo station for the purposes of basic data collection activities which would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Sections 3.c., 3.f., and 3.i. of the District's CEQA Guidelines are as follows:

- 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.f. Information Collection: Includes basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which has not yet been approved, adopted or funded.

AND/OR

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

Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number: Davin Cox, (619) 686-6293

Signature:  **Date:** 10/23/25 **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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Tel. (619) 237-0502 Fax (619) 557-4155
www.sdarcc.gov

Cashier Date: 10/23/2025
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 10/23/2025 9:25 am

Payment Summary

Total Fees	\$200.00
Total Payments	\$200.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT	\$200.00
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Filings

CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000937 Date: 10/23/2025 9:23AM Pages: 3
	State Receipt # 37-10/23/2025-0852
Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00

CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000938 Date: 10/23/2025 9:23AM Pages: 5
	State Receipt # 37-10/23/2025-0853
Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00

CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000939 Date: 10/23/2025 9:23AM Pages: 3
	State Receipt # 37-10/23/2025-0854
Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00

CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2025-000940 Date: 10/23/2025 9:23AM Pages: 3
	State Receipt # 37-10/23/2025-0855
Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00

Grand Total - All Documents:	\$200.00
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