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LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 11/06/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2025-0894	
PROJECT TITLE TMA BLUETECH DEMONSTRATION DAY		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME MATT CLASSEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TMA BLUE TECH	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 541-654-7265
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 325 W WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 2362	CITY SAN DIEGO	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92103

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

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, SILVIA LUNA, Deputy

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**SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
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Project Title

TMA BLUETECH DEMONSTRATION DAY

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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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 TMA BlueTech Demonstration Day

Project Applicant: Matt Classen, Executive Director, TMA Blue Tech, 325 W Washington Street, Suite 2362, San Diego, CA 92103; (541) 654-7265

Project Location – Specific National City Aquatic Center, 3300 Pepper Park Place, National City, CA 91950

Project location – City National City

Project Location – County San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project The proposed project is the TMA BlueTech Demonstration Day in the city of National City, California. BlueTech Month is a month-long, multi-location, multi-partner initiative that brings together stakeholders to highlight the role of maritime innovation in shaping economic resilience, national security, and environmental sustainability. As part of BlueTech Month, one event would be hosted at the National City Aquatic Center and focus on testing operational solutions to address gaps in coastal security, autonomy, and real-time maritime domain awareness. The event is developed in collaboration with the U.S. Department of War Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) to explore low-cost, rapidly deployable technologies that can be scaled globally to address the needs of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and general law enforcement.

The proposed event, including set-up and breakdown, has a duration of approximately one-day and would take place in November. The event features live demonstrations of maritime technology developed by innovators across defense, industry, and academia. There would be eight (8) companies performing in-water demonstrations near the National City Aquatic Center. Demonstrations would range from live trials of autonomous and artificial intelligence (AI) powered systems to integrated energy, propulsion, and sensing solutions. The companies showcasing their technology at the event are listed below.

Havoc AI – Demonstration would test an AI-enabled situational awareness system using computer vision and onboard analytics on a small electric surface vessel, showcasing real-time target detection and decision-support capabilities within a controlled operating zone.

Tideman Marine – Demonstration would feature a recyclable, high-density polyethylene (HDPE) workboat hull designed for port operations and sustainability. The vessel would perform short, controlled maneuvers to highlight stability, safety, and low-noise operations.

Maritime Robotics – The Otter is a compact, autonomous surface vehicle designed for coastal and inland waters, offering efficient, high-precision data collection for hydrographic surveying, environmental monitoring, and research applications.

SubSeaSail – Demonstration would feature a small, lightweight (30 pounds) wind- and solar-powered autonomous vessel for long-duration ocean observation. The technology is a limited, slow-speed operation to demonstrate sail-powered propulsion and control systems.

SRS Fusion – Demonstration would feature a compact multi-sensor remotely operated vehicle (ROV) platform integrating sonar, radar, and optical imaging for coastal domain awareness. Operations are dock-based and short-range only.

Seasats – Demonstration would feature an electric, solar-powered unmanned surface vehicle (USV) designed for persistent maritime sensing. Demonstration includes short, pre-programmed routes and data transmission to shore interface.

Splash 9 – Demonstration would feature battery-powered, autonomous mini-drones for surface environmental data collection. Technology would operate within a limited test zone to display real-time telemetry and station-keeping.

Hydrographic Solutions (GRAVA Hydro) – Demonstration would feature a Hydrographic survey system mounted on a small electric vessel. The technology conducts shallow-water mapping and water-quality sampling.

Demonstrations would utilize the National City Boat Launch Ramp to deploy and test the various blue technologies. It is anticipated that approximately 3-5 people would be present on the eastern dock of the National City Boat Launch at one time to assist with each demonstration. However, for safety purposes, no personnel would be authorized to be in-water to operate the technology during demonstrations. Prior to the demonstrations, a demonstration zone would be designated by the event safety coordinator and onsite District staff. This designated demonstration zone would avoid any known eelgrass resources, and would not conflict with navigation in the channel. All vessels are electric or battery-powered and would remain inside the designated demonstration zone as to not disturb vessel traffic within the navigation corridor. The boat launch ramp would remain open and unobstructed for continued public use during the event. Trailers and equipment would be staged in the parking lot and would require the temporary use of approximately 4 parking spaces. The event attendance is anticipated to be approximately 100 people. During the event, event attendees would watch demonstrations along the promenade near the aquatic center. The promenade shall remain open and available for public use should a member of the public want to watch the demonstrations. No event staging shall be permitted along the promenade.

Additionally, the event would offer attendees approximately 1-hour tours of San Diego Bay. Pick-up and drop-off for tours would occur at the public floating dock connected to the National City Aquatic Center, which would remain open for public use during the event. Aside from pick-up and drop-off for the tours, event attendees would not be permitted to watch demonstrations from the public floating dock.

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), Information Collection (SG § 15306) (Class 6), and Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings (SG § 15323) (Class 23)**
- ☐ 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 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15306 (Information Collection), and 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) and Sections 3 a (6) and 3 f of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because it is for a temporary event that would result in no permanent effects on the environment, would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, is for the purpose of basic data collection/research activities which would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, and would consist of the normal operation of existing facilities for public gatherings. Sections 3 a and 3 f of the District's CEQA Guidelines and CEQA Guidelines Section 15323 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 f Information Collection (SG § 15306) (Class 6) 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

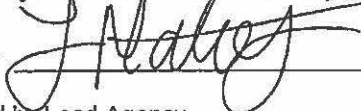
AND/OR

Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings (SG § 15323) (Class 23)

Consists of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For the purposes of this section, "past history" shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility. Facilities included within this exemption include, but are not limited to, racetracks, stadiums, convention centers, auditoriums, amphitheaters, planetariums, swimming pools, and amusement parks

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 Lillian Mattes, (619) 686-8200

Signature:  **Date:** 11/16/2025 **Title:** Planner II

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk



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Payment Summary

Total Fees	\$50.00
Total Payments	\$50.00
Balance	\$0.00

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VITALCHEK PAYMENT \$50.00

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Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00

Total Fees Due: \$50.00

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