



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 37-02/25/2026-0174  
 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 02/25/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2026-0174	

PROJECT TITLE  
 UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS BY COX COMMUNICATIONS AT THE PORT OPERATIONS CENTER IN NATIONAL CITY

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME TAMARA FISHER, VICE PRESIDENT, RIGHT WAY PERMIT SVC	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 619-778-8430
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2065 ARNOLD WAY, SUITE 101	CITY ALPINE	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 91901

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$	0.00

- Exempt from fee
- Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	0.00

**PAYMENT METHOD**

Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other   
 TOTAL RECEIVED   
 \$   
 50.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Steve Sangthai</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County Clerk, STEVE SANGTHAI, Deputy
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Payment Reference #: ORDER#/AUTH# 216371950/010477



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

**FILED**  
Feb 25, 2026 10:48 AM  
JORDAN Z. MARKS  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK  
File # 2026-000190  
State Receipt # 37022520260174

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**TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

**Project Title**

**UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS BY COX COMMUNICATIONS AT THE PORT  
OPERATIONS CENTER IN NATIONAL CITY**

**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 February 25, 2026**  
**Posted February 25, 2026 Removed \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Returned to agency on \_\_\_\_\_**  
**DEPUTY \_\_\_\_\_**

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

**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:** Utility Improvements by Cox Communications at the Port Operations Center in National City  
**Project Applicant:** Tamara Fisher, Vice President, Right Way Permit SVC, 2065 Arnold Way Suite 101, Alpine, CA 91901, (619) 778-8430  
**Project Location – Specific:** 1400 Tidelands Ave, 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 would involve utility improvements and extension of existing telecommunication services to the San Diego Unified Port District (District) occupied Port Operations Building by Cox Communications in National City, California. Pursuant to an agreement for telecommunications services with the District, Cox would install and maintain utilities located at 1400 Tidelands Ave.

Work to specifically complete this project would include installing a 3' by 3' pothole in the dirt landscaped lot adjacent to the sidewalk in front of 1400 Tidelands Ave to locate and intercept the existing conduit to the building. The applicant would run approximately 500' of new fiber through the existing conduit to provide service to the building and would install a fiber termination panel in the interior of the Port Operations Building. In the same dirt lot and adjacent to the pothole, the applicant would trench approximately 7' in order to install a 17" x 30" flush mount vault for storage of the new equipment. The proposed project would also include boring approximately 80' from the newly installed vault, under and through to the opposite side of Tidelands Avenue, to access and connect to an existing Cox vault. Following all trenching and potholing activities, the contractor shall back fill and restore the disturbed areas back to its original condition and per District/City standards and specifications.

Equipment required for the proposed project would include a boring rig and basic construction tools and would require approximately 4 construction personnel to complete the work. All disturbed roadway and concrete sidewalks would be replaced entirely to existing conditions. Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to occur in approximately spring 2026 and would take approximately 1 week to complete. While temporary lane closure is anticipated, the contractor will implement a Traffic Control Plan during construction that would include appropriate signage, flaggers, and coverage of trenches to ensure a safe working and roadway environment.

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, 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.

**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) 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 Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Section 3.c. and 3.d of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because the project would consist of construction and location of new, small facilities, consist of installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, would result in no permanent effects on the environment, and would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees. Section 3.c. and 3.d. of the District's CEQA Guidelines is 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:

- (3) Water, sewer, electrical, gas, telephone, and other utility structures or facilities.

AND/OR

3.d. **Minor Alterations to Land:** Includes minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation not involving removal of mature, scenic trees, including but not limited to:

- (7) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

**Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number:** Kelly Cunningham, (619) 643-4558

**Signature:**  **Date:** 2/25/2026 **Title:** Planner I

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

**Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:**



San Diego County



Transaction #: 8902355  
Receipt #: 2026074010

JORDAN Z. MARKS  
Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk  
1600 Pacific Highway Suite 260  
P. O. Box 121750, San Diego, CA 92112-1750  
Tel. (619) 237-0502 Fax (619) 557-4155  
[www.sdarcc.gov](http://www.sdarcc.gov)

Cashier Date: 02/25/2026  
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 02/25/2026 10:53 am

Payment Summary

Total Fees:	\$300.00
Total Payments:	\$300.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment		
VITALCHEK PAYMENT		\$300.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>\$300.00</b>
Filings		
CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2026-000189 Date: 02/25/2026 10:48AM Pages: 3 State Receipt # 37-02/25/2026-0173	
Fees:	Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:		\$50.00
CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2026-000190 Date: 02/25/2026 10:48AM Pages: 3 State Receipt # 37-02/25/2026-0174	
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CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2026-000191 Date: 02/25/2026 10:48AM Pages: 3 State Receipt # 37-02/25/2026-0175	
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CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2026-000192 Date: 02/25/2026 10:48AM Pages: 3 State Receipt # 37-02/25/2026-0176	
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Fees:	Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:		\$50.00

Grand Total - All Documents: \$300.00