



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: 37-02/25/2026-0176
STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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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 37-2026-0176	

PROJECT TITLE
 TREE REMOVALS AND REPLACEMENTS AT CHULA VISTA BAYFRONT AND NORTH EMBARCADERO

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:

<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

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Feb 25, 2026 10:48 AM
JORDAN Z. MARKS
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
File # 2026-000192
State Receipt # 37022520260176

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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

TREE REMOVALS AND REPLACEMENTS AT CHULA VISTA BAYFRONT AND
NORTH EMBARCADERO

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** _____
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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 Tree Removals and Replacements at Chula Vista Bayfront and North Embarcadero

Project Applicant: Kurt Brickley, Forestry Services and Open Spaces Manager, San Diego Unified Port District, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101, 619-686-6378

Project Location – Specific 2254 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101
3 Tuna Lane, San Diego, CA 92101
980 Marina Way, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Project location – City San Diego and 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 trees by San Diego Unified Port District (District) in the cities of San Diego and Chula Vista, California. All removed trees would be replaced at a minimum ratio of 1:1, with drought-tolerant and/or water wise, non-invasive trees. The tree locations and activities are as follows:

Approximately one (1) Ficus tree on North Harbor Drive adjacent to the Crescent Zone in North Embarcadero died and requires removal. The tree would be removed in early 2026 and replaced with approximately three (3) conifer trees to be planted at Spanish Landing Park in approximately late 2026. This would take approximately two (2) days of work for removal and two (2) days for replacement plantings.

Approximately one (1) Sycamore tree along the sidewalk at Tuna Harbor Park requires removal due to becoming necrotic. It would be removed in early 2026 and replaced with approximately three (3) trees to be planted at Carrier Memorial Park in late 2026. This would take approximately two (2) days of work for removal and two (2) days for replacement plantings.

Approximately one (1) Eucalyptus tree died at Chula Vista Bayfront Park and would be removed in approximately early 2026 and replaced with one (1) tree in early 2026 within the turf area on the north end of the park and would take approximately two (2) days of work for removal and one (1) day for replacement.

The District and/or the District's landscape service providers would remove and replace the trees using a truck, chainsaw, chipper, stump grinder, hand tools and associated equipment. Tree replacements and plantings would include ongoing maintenance as needed, including replacement of the trees within the first five (5) years of planting if they fail. Work hours for the proposed project would be from approximately 7:00 am-3:30pm Monday-Friday. Tree removal locations which are adjacent to a sidewalk, walkway or promenade would include a work crew safely redirecting pedestrians around the tree removal site during work.

With tree removal activities, if the bird breeding and nesting season cannot be avoided and removal must occur between February 15 and September 1, 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)

District Project Number 2026-012

- 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 Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Section 3 a and 3 d of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because it would consist of the removal and replacement of 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 Section 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, including, but not limited to (5) New gardening or landscaping

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, 619-990-5610

Signature  **Date** 2/29/2026 **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

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

Total Payments \$300.00

Filings

CEQA - NOE FILE #: 2026-000189 Date: 02/25/2026 10:48AM Pages: 3
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CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2026-000194 Date: 02/25/2026 10:48AM	Pages: 3
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Fees:	Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:		\$50.00

Grand Total - All Documents:		\$300.00
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