



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

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| RECEIPT NUMBER:<br>37-03/04/2026-0199       |
| STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (if applicable) |

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

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| LEAD AGENCY<br>SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT | LEAD AGENCY EMAIL | DATE<br>03/04/2026 |
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| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING<br>SAN DIEGO | DOCUMENT NUMBER<br>37-2026-0199 |
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PROJECT TITLE  
 DRONE SHOW EVENT BY TACTICAL DRONE SOLUTIONS ON BEHALF OF SAN DIEGO ZOO AT EMBARCADERO MARINA PARK NORTH

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| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME<br>TACTICAL DRONE SOLUTIONS | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL | PHONE NUMBER<br>619-247-4525 |
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| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS<br>5392 OLD DAIRY COURT | CITY<br>BONITA | STATE<br>CA | ZIP CODE<br>91902 |
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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)

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|---|----------|----|-------|
| <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

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| SIGNATURE<br>X <i>ERS</i> | AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE<br>San Diego County Clerk, ELVA STOPKE, Deputy |
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Payment Reference #: VITALCHEK: 216807735/014249



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK  
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

**FILED**  
Mar 04, 2026 09:19 AM  
JORDAN Z. MARKS  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK  
File # 2026-000217  
State Receipt # 37030420260199

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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

DRONE SHOW EVENT BY TACTICAL DRONE SOLUTIONS ON BEHALF OF SAN  
DIEGO ZOO AT EMBARCADERO MARINA PARK NORTH

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** March 4, 2026  
**Posted** March 4, 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:** Drone Show Event by Tactical Drone Solutions on behalf of San Diego Zoo at Embarcadero Marina Park North

**Project Applicant:** Ron Lee, CEO, Tactical Drone Solutions, 5392 Old Dairy Court, Bonita, CA 91902; (619) 247-4525

**Project Location – Specific:** 1 Embarcadero Marina Park North, San Diego, CA 92101

**Project location – City:** San Diego

**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The proposed project is for an approximately 10-minute drone show on March 26, 2026, by Tactical Drone Solutions on behalf of San Diego Zoo at Embarcadero Marina Park North (EMPN) in San Diego, CA. The drones would be deployed from and recovered at the southeastern edge of EMPN and displayed southwest of the launch site directly over the water. The proposed event would have a duration of one (1) day, including set-up at approximately noon and clean-up in the evening.

A temporary safety perimeter would be established on the southeast curved edge of EMPN using stanchions and caution tape and enforced by staff. Pedestrian access within the safety perimeter would be temporarily restricted for approximately 30 minutes prior to and during the drone show. Adjacent park space would remain open at all times. Following the approximately 30-minute restriction period, the walkway would be reopened. No other closures of the walkways or road are anticipated to occur. The proposed event would be publicly viewable at no cost from various areas throughout the Embarcadero. Once the drone show concludes and the drones are secured, the temporary safety perimeter would be removed.

Staging for the proposed event would be within the safety perimeter and consist of approximately 700 drones. Additionally, event staff would ensure a safety zone within the flight area, including the area of water over which the show would be performed. A dedicated safety boat would be on site to maintain a safety perimeter on the water during the show. In the unlikely event a drone descends into the water, the safety boat would collect the drone immediately.

The drone show operation would have staff assigned as visual observers. Visual observers are responsible for scanning and monitoring for any and all airborne activity, such as aircraft, failed drones, and activity involving wildlife, and reporting any relevant observations to the District. Additionally, the Applicant is required to comply with FAA regulations and obtain any applicable approvals.

**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: 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 Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Section 3.a. of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because because it is for a temporary event that would have a negligible, or no permanent, effect on the environment, nor would it involve the removal of mature, scenic trees. Section 3.d. of the District's CEQA Guidelines is as follows:

3.d. Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4): Includes minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation not involving the removal of mature, scenic trees, including, but not limited to:

(6) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment.

**Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number:** Betsy Viramontes, 619-686-6409

Signature: Betsy Viramontes Date: 3/4/26 Title: Planner I

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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



San Diego County



Transaction #: 8914454  
Receipt #: 2026084201

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: 03/04/2026  
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 03/04/2026 9:20 am

Payment Summary

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| Total Fees:     | \$250.00 |
| Total Payments: | \$250.00 |
| Balance:        | \$0.00   |

| Payment           |  |          |
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| VITALCHEK PAYMENT |  | \$250.00 |
| Total Payments    |  | \$250.00 |
| Filings           |  |          |
| CEQA - NOE        | FILE #: 2026-000215 Date: 03/04/2026 9:19AM Pages: 3<br>State Receipt # 37-03/04/2026-0197 |          |
| Fees:             | Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee  | \$50.00  |
| Total Fees Due:   |  | \$50.00  |
| CEQA - NOE        | FILE #: 2026-000216 Date: 03/04/2026 9:19AM Pages: 3<br>State Receipt # 37-03/04/2026-0198 |          |
| Fees:             | Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee  | \$50.00  |
| Total Fees Due:   |  | \$50.00  |
| CEQA - NOE        | FILE #: 2026-000217 Date: 03/04/2026 9:19AM Pages: 3<br>State Receipt # 37-03/04/2026-0199 |          |
| Fees:             | Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee  | \$50.00  |
| Total Fees Due:   |  | \$50.00  |
| CEQA - NOE        | FILE #: 2026-000218 Date: 03/04/2026 9:19AM Pages: 3<br>State Receipt # 37-03/04/2026-0200 |          |
| Fees:             | Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee  | \$50.00  |
| Total Fees Due:   |  | \$50.00  |

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State Receipt # 37-03/04/2026-0201

Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00

Total Fees Due: \$50.00

Grand Total - All Documents: \$250.00