



**CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS  
and  
NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

Project: Shore Power Replacement Project for Naval Base San Diego  
Location: Naval Base San Diego, 3380 Sturtevant St, San Diego, CA 92136  
Parcel No.: Off Tidelands  
Project No.: 2026-033  
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Date Approved: 4/21/2026

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Shore Power Replacement Project for Naval Base San Diego (Proposed Project) would involve replacement of shore power and utility infrastructure within the Naval Base San Diego in the city of San Diego, California.

The District joined the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) program in April 2019. The agreement with the Navy, an Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA, District Clerk Doc. No. 74536, Sept 23, 2022), outlines that the District will be responsible for developing and managing LCFS-qualified projects at Navy Base San Diego (NBSD). In accordance with the IGSA, the Port will manage the project design and construction, including electrical, civil, structural, cost estimating, and construction for the Repair and Replace Feeders for Sub Stations at NBSD.

Work to specifically complete the Proposed Project would involve the following:

- Replacement of medium and high-voltage tie circuits;
- Replacement of damaged duct banks and manholes;
- Replacement of Shore Power feeders between multiple substations and removing grounding conductors and appurtenances;
- Phased sequential removal of existing cables;
- Installation over 25 miles of new cable
- Management of existing electrical conduit and duct bank;
- Demolition of electrical appurtenances, concrete, manholes;
- Construction of a new electrical distribution system, including new underground concrete vaults, duct banks, conductors, and telecom and fiber optic cable; and
- Concrete and pavement replacement for sidewalks, curb and gutter, and asphalt pavement impacted by new manhole and duct bank installations.

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 Applicant would be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding construction demolition debris, hazards and hazardous materials, and stormwater.

The following categorical determinations are based on the project submittal and all project information known to the District as of the date of this determination.

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**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

The Project is a “federal” project subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As such, the Shore Power Replacement Project for Naval Base San Diego was analyzed in the Record of Categorical Exclusion (CeXX-007-17-USN-1773850585) issued on March 23, 2026 by the United

States Navy. It was determined through CeXX-007-17-USN-1773850585 that the project does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

### **CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION**

Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1)/District Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA Section 3.a: Existing Facilities

3.a. Existing Facilities: 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, including but not limited to:

- (1) Repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing mooring facilities, floats, piers, piles, wharves, bulkhead, revetment, buoys, or similar structures; marine terminal facilities; airport facilities; and commercial industrial, or recreational facilities.

The Proposed Project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the Section of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above because it consists of the replacement of existing shore power and utility infrastructure that would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, would not result in a significant cumulative impact due to the continuation of the existing use. 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).

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, a 35-day statute of limitations for this CEQA exemption shall apply from the date a Notice of Exemption is posted with the San Diego County Clerk, or a 180-day statute of limitations for this CEQA exemption shall apply if no Notice of Exemption is filed.

### **CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT**

#### ***PORT MASTER PLAN CONSISTENCY***

Planning District: Off Tidelands

Land Use Designation: Off Tidelands

The Proposed Project would take place entirely outside of District Tidelands and therefore does not conform to the certified Port Master Plan and does not have a Land Use designation in the certified Port Master Plan.

### **CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION**

The Project is a "federal" project that would require the Federal agency carrying out the project to obtain approvals under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) through the consistency determination process, as set forth in the California Coastal Management Plan (CCMP).

Applicable here, the CZMA applies to federal activities or federal development projects. Federal activities are defined "any functions performed by or *on behalf of a Federal agency* in the exercise of its statutory responsibilities." (15 C.F.R. § 930.31(a) (emphasis added).) It includes:

A range of activities where a Federal agency makes a proposal for action initiating an activity or series of activities when coastal effects are reasonably foreseeable, e.g., a Federal agency's proposal to physically alter coastal resources, a plan that is used to direct future agency actions, a proposed rulemaking that alters uses of the coastal zone. [(*Id.*)]

Federal development projects are a subset of federal activities and are defined as "a Federal agency activity involving the planning, construction, modification, or removal of public works, facilities, or other structures, and includes the acquisition, use, or disposal of any coastal use or resource." (15 C.F.R. § 930.31(b).)

Pursuant to the CCMP, which was certified by the federal government in 1978, the California Coastal Commission retains the primary authority for evaluating federal activities and federal development projects whether on federally controlled lands or lands not controlled by the federal agency. (CCMP, Ch.

11, §§ A.3 and B(a)(i). Because there are no Project components being proposed on District tidelands the District does not have Coastal Act jurisdiction over the project. Under the CCMP and as expressly stated in the Coastal Commission’s Findings, the Coastal Commission has the CZMA and CCMP authority. Accordingly, the District will not be issuing a Coastal Development Permit or Coastal Act Exclusion for the Project.

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE**

The Proposed Project complies with Section 87 of the Port Act, which allows for the construction, reconstruction, repair, and maintenance of highways, streets, roadways, bridges, belt line railroads, parking facilities, power, telephone, telegraph or cable lines or landings, water and gas pipelines, and all other transportation and utility facilities or betterments incidental, necessary, or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of any of the uses set forth in Section 87. The Port Act was enacted by the California Legislature and is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. Consequently, the Proposed Project is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine.

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