



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

Project: NASSCO Facility Electric Crane Pilot Program
Location: 2798 Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92113
Parcel No.: 021-022
Project No.: 2026-085
Applicant: Doug Shamblen, Facilities Manager, General Dynamics-NASSCO, 2798 Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92113; (619) 544-3691
Date Approved: 7/22/2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would involve the installation of a 120-ton electric crane by General Dynamics-NASSCO (Tenant) at the NASSCO facility in the city of San Diego, California. The installation and operation of the electric crane would be part of a pilot program implemented by the Tenant to evaluate the operational feasibility, performance, and infrastructure requirements associated with transitioning to fully electric cranes in other areas of the Tenant leasehold.

The project area is contained entirely within a developed site for industrial operations, and use of the crane would be limited to a specific area on the west end of the NASSCO facility that is less than five (5) acres. Ground-disturbing activities, excavation, grading, or additional site preparation for the installation of the proposed crane would not be required as the existing site conditions would adequately serve the installation of the proposed crane; existing on-site infrastructure including the existing crane rail system and 1500kVA/72FLA transformer station would provide the necessary infrastructure and power source required for operating the crane.

The crane would be delivered to the Tenant from the manufacturer and assembled on-site utilizing existing cranes and equipment at the NASSCO facility. Construction of the proposed project would take approximately two (2) weeks to complete. Best Management Practices consistent with the current use of the site and in compliance with other regulatory permits, including, but not limited to, Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Order R9-2023-0012 and the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Shipyard to San Diego Bay General Order, would be implemented during assembly of the crane. There is no predetermined end date for the pilot program as the electric crane would remain in operation as part of the Tenant's ongoing assessment.

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 Tenant 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.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1)/District Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA Section 3.a: Existing Facilities; CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3)/District Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA Section 3.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; and CEQA Guidelines Section 15311 (Class 11)/District Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA Section 3.i: Accessory Structures

- 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.

AND/OR

- 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:

- (2) Accessory (appurtenant) structures and mechanical equipment including, but not limited to, garages, sheds, railway spur tracks, pilings, temporary trailers, industrial equipment enclosures, fences, parking, on-site roadways, walkways and health and safety devices.

AND/OR

- 3.i. Accessory Structures: Includes construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing facilities, including:

- (2) Construction or placement of minor structures or equipment accessory to (appurtenant to) existing airport or marine terminal facilities.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the Sections of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above because it would consist of the installation of a fully electric crane in support of existing shipbuilding and repair activities that would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing and 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: 4 - Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal (Precise Plan Figure 13)

Land and Water Use Designations: Marine Related Industrial and Specialized Berthing

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve the installation of a fully electric crane in support of existing shipbuilding and repair activities consistent with the existing certified Land and Water Use designations. The proposed project would not change the use of the site nor would it interrupt or expand the existing conforming uses of the site.

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exclusions: Section 8.a: Existing Facilities; Section 8.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

- 8.a. Existing Facilities: The 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

- 8.c. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation of small, new equipment and facilities, involving negligible or no change of existing use of the property, including but not limited to:

- (3) Accessory structures, including, but not limited to on-premise signs, small parking lots, fences, walkways, swimming pools, miscellaneous work buildings, temporary trailers, small accessory piers, minor mooring facilities, buoys, floats, pilings, or similar structures; and seasonal or temporary use items such as lifeguard towers, mobile food units, portable restrooms, or similar structures.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorical Excluded pursuant to the Sections of the District's *Coastal Development Permit Regulations* as identified above because it would consist of the installation of a fully electric crane in support of existing shipbuilding and repair activities that would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing and would involve no change of existing use of the property.

Pursuant to California Coastal Act Section 30717, there is a 10-working-day period to appeal this "Coastal Act Categorical Determination of Exclusion" to the California Coastal Commission.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE

The proposed project complies with Section 87.(a)(2) of the Port Act, which allows for all commercial and industrial uses and purposes, and the construction, reconstruction, repair, and maintenance of commercial and industrial buildings, plants, and facilities. 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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President/CEO

Determination by:
Davin Cox
Planner I
Development Services

Signature: _____
Date: 7/22/2026

Assistant/Deputy General Counsel

Signature: Shiraz Tangri
Date: 7/21/2026