



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
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RECEIPT NUMBER:

37-07/15/2026-0626

STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 07/15/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2026-0626	

PROJECT TITLE
DRONE SHOW EVENT ON AUGUST 19 2026 ON BEHALF OF THE USS MIDWAY AT SOUTH TUNA HARBOR BREAKWATER PIER

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

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$	0.00
☐ 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)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
☒ County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
☐ Other		\$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

X ERS

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, ELVA STOPKE, Deputy

Payment Reference #: VITALCHEK: 223935256/087372



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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Jul 15, 2026 09:00 AM
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Project Title

DRONE SHOW EVENT ON AUGUST 19, 2026 ON BEHALF OF THE USS MIDWAY AT SOUTH
TUNA HARBOR BREAKWATER PIER

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):

Posted: 7/15/26

Filed by: ELVA STOPKE

Deputy County Clerk

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 on August 19, 2026, on behalf of the USS Midway at South Tuna Harbor breakwater Pier **Project Applicant:** Ron Lee, CEO, Tactical Drone Solutions, 5392 Old Dairy Court, Bonita, CA 91902; 619-247-4525

Project Location – Specific: South Tuna Harbor breakwater Pier, 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 August 19, 2026, on behalf of the USS Midway at South Tuna Harbor breakwater Pier (Pier) in San Diego, California. The drones would be deployed from and recovered in a cordoned area at the west end of the Pier and displayed west of the launch site directly over the water (Attachment A). 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 at the west end of the Pier using stanchions, caution tape and enforced by staff. Public access to the western half of the Pier would be restricted for approximately 2 hours before the drone show to allow for drone setup, while the remainder of the pier would remain open until approximately 30 minutes before and during the drone show. Access to the entire pier would be temporarily restricted during the drone show and would be restored once the drones are secured. 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.

Staging for the proposed event would be within the safety perimeter and consist of approximately 300 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 Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Section

3.d. of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because it is for a temporary event that would result in no permanent effects on the environment, and would not 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:** 7/15/26 **Title:** Planner I

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
- ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:



San Diego County



Transaction #: 9147889
Receipt #: 2026271714

JORDAN Z. MARKS

Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
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Cashier Date: 07/15/2026
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 07/15/2026 9:01 am

Payment Summary

Total Fees:	\$200.00
Total Payments	\$200.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT \$200.00

Total Payments \$200.00

Filings

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Total Fees Due: \$50.00

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Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00

Total Fees Due: \$50.00

Grand Total - All Documents: \$200.00

