



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:

37-10/22/2026-0912

STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/22/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2026-0912	

PROJECT TITLE
SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL BY SD INTERNATIONAL FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL AT
EMBARCADERO MARINA PARK NORTH

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SD INTERNATIONAL FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 760-956-0758
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 400 KETTNER BLVD	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:

☐ 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

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, ELVA STOPKE, Deputy

Payment Reference #: VITALCHEK: 229024500/030819



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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Project Title

SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL BY SD INTERNATIONAL FOOD &
MUSIC FESTIVAL 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):

Posted: 10/22/26

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: San Diego International Food and Music Festival by SD International Food & Music Festival at Embarcadero Marina Park North

Project Applicant: Michael Carrasco, Organizer, SD International Food & Music Festival, 400 Kettner Blvd, San Diego, CA 92101; 760-956-0758

Project Location – Specific: 400 Kettner Blvd, 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 the San Diego International Food & Music Festival, a free-to-attend special event, which would take place at Embarcadero Marina Park North (EMP) in the City of San Diego, California in the month of October. The proposed project would consist of a free-to-attend food and music festival, which would include live music, entertainment (such as show cars), and food and beverage vending. The event and related setup and breakdown would have an approximate duration of two (2) days (one day for set-up and day one of the event, one day for the second day of the event with breakdown at the end of day). The event would have an estimated attendance of 4,000 people.

The event area is limited to the portion of EMP which sits south of the roundabout turn and would be temporarily fenced off, but public access to surrounding park areas, sidewalks and the waterfront promenade would remain open throughout setup, the event, and breakdown. Temporary (two day) closures would be limited to the designated event footprint which includes most of the park and the parking lot at EMP. ADA access and emergency vehicle access would be maintained at all times. Event staff would direct pedestrians around work areas during setup and breakdown to ensure safe public access.

Temporary event equipment would include interlocking fencing close to the entrance of EMP at the south end of the roundabout, perimeter fencing surrounding the stage area for safety and crowd control, event lighting within the beer garden/bar area, tables with chairs in the designated dining area, and approximately 50 audience chairs positioned in front of the stage. Additional event equipment would include roll off bins in the parking lots, vendor canopies, waste receptacles, portable restrooms, event signage, and other temporary furnishings necessary for festival operations. All equipment would be removed following the event.

Amplified sound would be limited to approved event hours and would not exceed 85 dB between the sound board and the water's edge. Event staff would monitor sound levels using a decibel meter throughout the event and adjust volume immediately if needed. Amplified sound would end at 7:00 PM and only acoustic (unamplified) performances would occur after that time.

The proposed project would require the temporary use of the parking lot (approximately 80 parking spaces) at EMP for event operations such as food trucks, vendor support and event infrastructure, with the exception of approximately two (2) handicap spots on the north end of the parking lot which would remain open throughout setup, the event and breakdown. Signage shall be placed near the entrance of the EMP parking lot to notify members of the public about parking closures a minimum of 72 hours in advance of the event. Parking for the general public and event attendees would be available at nearby parking facilities and side streets.

Due to its temporary nature and limited scope, 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.

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(s): Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4) and Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings (SG § 15323) (Class 23)**
☐ 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 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) and Section 3.d. of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because it would be 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 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15323 are 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 removal of mature, scenic trees;

AND/OR

Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gathering (SG § 15323) (Class 23):

Consists of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For the purposes of this section, "past history" shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility. Facilities included within this exemption include, but are not limited to, racetracks, stadiums, convention centers, auditoriums, amphitheaters, planetariums, swimming pools, and amusement parks.

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:** 10-22-2026 **Title:** Planner I

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
- ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:



San Diego County



Transaction #: 9338082
Receipt #: 2026410485

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Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
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www.sdarcc.gov

Cashier Date: 10/22/2026
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 10/22/2026 3:37 pm

Payment Summary

Total Fees	\$50.00
Total Payments	\$50.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT	\$50.00
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Filing

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State Receipt # 37-10/22/2026-0912

Fees:	Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
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Total Fees Due:	\$50.00
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Grand Total - All Documents:	\$50.00
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