State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

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37-11/13/2026-0965

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT		11/13/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
SAN DIEGO	37-2026-0965

PROJECT TITLE
REMOVAL OF WATERSIDE INFRASTRUCTURE AT DRISCOLL'S WHARF

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
DRISCOLL MARINA LTD			619-787-6260
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	**CITY**	**STATE**	**ZIP CODE**
DBA DRISCALL'S WHARF	SAN DIEGO	CA	92106

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	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X Brianda S.	San Diego County Clerk, BRIANDA SHIVERS, Deputy

Payment Reference #: AUTH: 041092 RECP#: 230033073

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CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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Project Title

REMOVAL OF WATERSIDE INFRASTRUCTURE AT DRISCOLL'S WHARF

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: 11/13/26

Filed by: BRIANDA SHIVERS

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: Removal of Waterside Infrastructure at Driscoll's Wharf
Project Applicant: Tom Driscoll, President, Driscoll Marina, Ltd (dba Driscoll's Wharf), 4918 North Harbor Drive, Unit 203, San Diego, CA 92106; (619) 787-6260
Project Location – Specific: 4918 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106
Project location – City: San Diego
Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project would include the removal of certain waterside commercial fishing infrastructure by Driscoll Marina, Ltd. (Tenant) at Driscoll's Wharf in the city of San Diego, California. The proposed project would be implemented as a hazard-abating effort due to the deteriorated state of the electrical systems and horizontal structures (i.e., loose decking on the piers) at Piers 5, 6, 7, and 8 (see Attachment 1) at Driscoll's Wharf as a result of elevated tide and storm surge conditions, as well as a preventative effort for any further deterioration resulting from the additional anticipated super tides and storm surges anticipated to occur in the coming months.

Since 2024, commercial fishing operations have been consolidated onto Pier 5, while Piers 6 and 8 have been removed from active service; Pier 7 has maintained limited service for site security purposes. There are currently 11 commercial fishing vessels and two (2) City of San Diego vessels berthed at Driscoll's Wharf, which would need to be relocated in order to commence the proposed project. These vessels may be relocated to alternative location(s) where feasible in San Diego Bay. While Piers 5, 6, 7, and 8 would be decommissioned as a result of the proposed project, the fish offloading pier (Pier 4) at Driscoll's Wharf would remain in place and continue to operate throughout and following completion of the proposed project, as it provides critical infrastructure to commercial fishing operations and the on-site seafood processing businesses. Maintaining access to the fish offloading pier would ensure that, if commercial fishing vessels are temporarily relocated to an alternative location, fishermen may still access Driscoll's Wharf to store, load, and unload fishing gear and equipment that cannot be readily accommodated at an alternative location, such as Tuna Harbor.

In October 2026, Pier 5 experienced significant failures of its electrical system due to extreme high tides. The extreme high tides resulted in saltwater intrusion into below-deck electrical infrastructure, arcing, and repeated breaker failures; the electrical system has since been de-energized and remains locked due to life-safety concerns. Other concerns due to the deteriorated conditions of timber decking and supporting structural components include potential fire, electrical, structural, public safety, and marine debris hazards, which are anticipated to worsen as a result of the upcoming El Niño season if left unattended. Work to specifically complete the proposed project would include the following at Piers 5, 6, 7, and 8:

- Removal of electrical pedestals, wiring, conduit, and related equipment associated with the four berthing piers;
- Removal of gangways, ladders, timber deck planking, beams, and other horizontal superstructures that create and immediate access, structural, or marine-debris hazard; and
- Maintaining of site controls during the proposed project to prevent unauthorized access and to protect adjacent waters.

The proposed project will not remove vertical support piles or include any other sediment-disturbing work; the limited scope of the proposed project would address the immediate hazard presented by the failed electrical system and deteriorated decking and superstructure of Piers 5, 6, 7, and 8, and does not include and/or permit the Tenant's remaining end-of-term obligations.

Additionally, the Tenant has initiated conversations with the U.S. Coast Guard on how to ensure the temporarily leftover piles do not create a navigational hazard in America's Cup Harbor. A potential solution to avoid creating a navigational hazard may be the proposed project adding navigational beacons to the end of each piling to help notify boaters of the navigational hazards.

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.

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): Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1),**
- ■ **Statutory Exemption. State code number: Emergency Projects (SG § 15269)**

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The project is determined to be Statutorily Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15269 (Emergency Projects) and/or Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Sections 2.f. and/or 3.a. of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* because it is a project necessary to prevent or mitigate any emergency that consists of the removal of limited waterside commercial fishing infrastructure, including electrical systems and deteriorated horizontal structures, 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. Sections 2.f. and/or 3.a. of the District's *CEQA Guidelines* are as follows:

2.f. Emergency Projects (SG § 15269): Projects to maintain, repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster-stricken area in which a state of emergency has been declared; emergency repairs necessary to maintain service; and specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, are exempt from CEQA requirements.

AND/OR

3.a. Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1): 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.

(3) Interior and exterior remodeling or alterations, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including, but not limited to, marine terminal facilities, and marine-oriented commercial, industrial, and public and commercial recreational facilities, including buildings, piers, wharves, marine ways; railroads; airport facilities, runways, taxiways, aprons, and ancillary structures to those facilities; or mechanical systems and equipment.

(9) Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities or mechanical

equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety or permit requirements, unless it is determined that the damages was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood.

(10) Addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, or topographical features including navigational devices.

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: Davin Cox, (619) 686-6293

Signature: _____ **Date**: 11/13/2020 **Title**: Planner I

■ Signed by Lead Agency
□ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:

San Diego County

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www.sdarcc.gov

Cashier Date: 11/13/2026
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 11/13/2026 10:04 am

Payment Summary

Total Fees:	$150.00
Total Payments:	$150.00
Balance:	$0.00

Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT $150.00

Total Payments $150.00

Filings

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Grand Total - All Documents: $150.00