Notice is hereby given that the San Diego Unified Port District, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Proposed Port Master Plan Update (Project). The Draft PEIR is available for more than the minimum 45-day public review period. This notice is intended to notify agencies and members of the public that may be interested in the Project, as to the availability of the Draft PEIR, and the procedures for public review and comment, on the Draft PEIR.

Project Title: Proposed Port Master Plan Update (UPD #EIR-2017-035, SCH #2017031070)

Project Applicant: San Diego Unified Port District (District)

Project Location: Cities of San Diego, Imperial Beach, and Coronado, CA, in San Diego County

Project Description Summary: The Project is an update to the District’s existing Port Master Plan. Pursuant to the California Coastal Act and the District’s Port Act, the Port Master Plan provides the official planning policies of the District consistent with the general statewide purpose, for the physical development of the tide and submerged lands conveyed and granted in trust, to the District and its acquired uplands. The Port Master Plan Update (PMPU) would: 1) control the allowable land and water uses within the District; 2) list known “appealable” projects; and 3) include goals, objectives, and policies that would implement the broad policies of the Coastal Act and shape the characteristics of development, coastal access, recreation, and environmental conservation to the year 2050, throughout the applicable District jurisdiction. The PMPU would contain six Baywide Elements; Baywide Development Standards; and special allowances, planned improvements, and development standards that would apply to eight of the District’s ten Planning Districts. The PMPU would also describe Plan Implementation and Development Conformance for future, potential development, consistent with the California Coastal Act.

Probable Environmental Effects: The Draft PEIR analyzes potentially significant environmental effects to: Aesthetics and Visual Resources; Air Quality and Health Risk; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Geologic Hazards and Soils; Paleontological Resources; Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Noise and Vibration; Population and Employment; Public Services and Recreation; Sea Level Rise and Climate Change; Transportation, Mobility, and Public Access; and Utilities and Service Systems; and Cumulative Impacts. The Project boundaries include areas present on the lists within CA Government Code, §65962.5, which are discussed in Section 4.7, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, of the Draft PEIR. The Draft PEIR also analyzes five Alternatives to the Project.

Availability of Draft PEIR: The Draft PEIR, including the technical appendices and all documents referenced in the Draft PEIR, are available for public review during normal business hours at the Office of the District Clerk, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101-1128. The Draft PEIR can be viewed online at https://www.portofsandiego.org/public-records/port-updates/notices-disclosures/ceqa-documents. The Draft PEIR is also available for review, in paper format, at the: San Diego Central Library, 330 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA 92101; Imperial Beach Library, 810 Imperial Beach Blvd, Imperial Beach, CA 91932; and Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Ave, Coronado, CA 92118. For assistance, please call or email Dennis Campbell, Senior Planner, Planning Department, at (619) 686-7218 or dcampbell@portofsandiego.org.

Public Comments on the Draft PEIR: The Draft PEIR is available for a 45-day public review period that started on Monday, November 8, 2021, and ends at 5:00 P.M., on Thursday, December 23, 2021-Monday, January 10, 2022. Comment letters stating specific environmental concerns about the Draft PEIR should be mailed to: San Diego Unified Port District, Attn: Dennis Campbell, Planning Department, P.O. Box 120488, San Diego, CA 92112-0488, or emailed to pmpu@portofsandiego.org.

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