



SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT NOTICE OF COMPLETION & PUBLIC HEARING

SAN DIEGO BAY NATIVE OYSTER LIVING SHORELINE PILOT PROJECT PROPOSED PORT MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

A draft Port Master Plan Amendment (PMPA) has been prepared for San Diego Unified Port District (District) lands in the Wildlife Reserve planning subarea of Planning District 7, Chula Vista Bayfront, of the Port Master Plan. The PMPA will allow for implementation of the proposed **San Diego Bay Native Oyster Living Shoreline Pilot Project**. The Project site, located at *32.36.49 N, 117. 06.14 W*, proposes to place constructed reef ball elements within the Project site to evaluate the success of recruitment of native Olympia oysters to the reef ball elements and the ability of the Project to protect the adjacent shoreline from erosion and flooding. The PMPA would update the Chula Vista Bayfront Precise Plan text in the Wildlife Reserve subarea and Table 19 to include the proposed San Diego Bay Native Oyster Living Shoreline Pilot Project.

The PMPA will be considered for approval, with or without modification, by the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) following a public hearing to be held beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Members of the public may view this meeting via livestream. Please visit www.portofsandiego.org/about-port-san-diego/board-meetings for instructions regarding how to view or participate in the meeting. Contact the Office of the District Clerk at publicrecords@portofsandiego.org or (619) 686-6206 for additional information. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 30712, the hearing may occur within 90 days of publication of this notice. Additional hearing dates, if required, will be announced at the public hearing.

The proposed Project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines Sections 15304 (Existing Facilities) and 15306 (Information Collection) because it is located along a degraded shoreline that and includes the installation of reef ball elements that would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees and would be for the purpose of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. 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).

The draft PMPA is available for public review at www.portofsandiego.org/public-records/port-updates/notices-disclosures/ceqa-documents, or upon request by interested persons. The public, interested organizations, and government agencies are encouraged to submit testimony, statements, and evidence relative to the draft PMPA at the public hearing or in written form prior to the hearing.

Written information should be submitted to the attention of the District Clerk publicrecords@portofsandiego.org. Questions may be directed to Lily Tsukayama, Planning Department at (619) 686-8199 or Itsukayama@portofsandiego.org.