



San Diego Unified Port District

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT to COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT  
for the SAN DIEGO BAY NATIVE OYSTER LIVING SHORELINE PILOT  
PROJECT**

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Notice is hereby given that the San Diego Unified Port District has prepared a **proposed Amendment to Coastal Development Permit CDP-2021-03** for:

**Project:** San Diego Bay Native Oyster Living Shoreline Pilot Project

**Applicant:** San Diego Unified Port District

**Location:** Chula Vista Wildlife Reserve (32.36.49 N, 117.06.14 W), Chula Vista, CA 91910

**Brief Project Description:** The San Diego Bay Native Oyster Living Shoreline Pilot Project (Pilot Project) is a study in collaboration with the Coastal Conservancy to create and evaluate the success of native Olympia oyster (*Ostrea lurida*) reefs in a portion of south San Diego Bay (Bay). The Pilot Project is managed by a Project Team, which consists of the District, the Coastal Conservancy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association, and California State University Fullerton. The Pilot Project is designed to determine if native Olympia oysters successfully recruit on constructed reef ball elements, the effect of tidal elevation on recruitment of native and non-native oysters, the ability of constructed reefs to protect shorelines from erosion and flooding, and whether constructed reefs support higher degrees, or levels, of biodiversity compared to the adjacent areas.

**Proposed Amendment:** On March 9, 2021, by Resolution Number 2021-033, the Board of Port Commissioners authorized issuance of a Non-Appealable Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the Pilot Project. The Applicant has requested an amendment to the CDP to install a supplemental effort, which would allow for the placement of additional oyster reef elements at an optimal native oyster habitat elevation that was erroneously missed from the original Pilot Project. The additional elements would be placed within the existing Pilot Project's footprint. In total, the footprint of the supplemental effort would be between 300-400 square feet, which would be less than ten percent of the original Pilot Project's square footage (approximately 5,760 square feet).

There is no change in circumstances that may affect the consistency of the development with the Coastal Act and the certified Port Master Plan. In addition, the proposed amendment would not result in the potential for adverse impacts, either individually or cumulatively on coastal resources or public access to and along the shoreline. As such, the District has determined that the proposed permit amendment, the supplemental effort, is an immaterial change to the CDP.

Written objections on the proposed amendment to the CDP shall be submitted to the SDUPD Office of the District Clerk, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego CA 92101 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2024. To review a copy of the CDP, proposed Amendment to the CDP, or the Port Master Plan, please email Lily Tsukayama at [tsukayama@portofsandiego.org](mailto:tsukayama@portofsandiego.org).

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