

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From Lead Agency: Port of Long Beach
City of Long Beach Harbor Department
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Sacramento, California 95814
(via State Clearinghouse CEQAnet)

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Project Title: Gateway Entry and Monument Signage - Baseline Project Budget and Authorize Spending Specification HD-S3031, HA1479

State Clearinghouse No.: 2024070949

Project Location – Specific: Long Beach Harbor District

Project Location – City: Long Beach

Project Location – County: Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Approve a baseline Project budget in the amount of \$8,400,000 and authorize spending in the amount of \$1.392,000 for the Gateway Entry and Monument Signage Project to complete design, bid, and award phases for the Gateway Entry and Monument Signage Project.

Exempt Status:

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| ☐ Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]; | ☐ Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3)) |
| ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); | ☐ Other: |
| ☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)] | |
| ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and Section 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction | |
| ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number: | |

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3): The Class 3 Categorical Exemption consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where on minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The project involves new installation of seven (7) monument signs in the Port areas.

Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction (Class 2): The Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction Categorical Exemption consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The proposed replacement of the Queensway Bridge gateway sign will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

The Port has determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of the categorical exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and Section 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction. Therefore, the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

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Signature:



Renee Moilanen

Date:

09/17/2025

Title:

Director of Environmental Planning

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.