NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title:	Geotechnical Field Investigation – Second Amendment to Harbor Development Permit No. 23-021(2)
State Clearinghouse No.:	**2025040715**
Project Location – Specific:	Navy Mole; Harbor Planning District 4 – Terminal Island
Project Location – City:	Long Beach
Project Location – County:	Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Second Amendment to Level I HDP 23-021(2), approved by the Director of Environmental Planning on August 25, 2026, permits the Port of Long Beach to conduct a geotechnical field investigation on the Navy Mole, consisting of 2 deep borings and 2 cone penetration test borings at depths ranging from approximately 80 to 140 feet below ground surface. The geotechnical investigation will support soil characterization for design of a transportation corridor for the proposed Pier Wind Terminal Development Project. Level I HDP 26-021 was originally issued on April 27, 2023 for an in-water geotechnical field investigation involving 36 geotechnical borings, 14 dredge borings, and 25 sediment samples in the Outer Harbor, Main Channel, and Middle Harbor. The first amendment to Level I HDP 26-021, issued on March 5, 2025, permitted 87 over-water geotechnical soil borings in the Outer Harbor, Main Channel, and Middle Harbor.

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
- ☐ Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))
- ☐ Other:
- ☒ **Categorical Exemption. State type and section number and class:** ***State CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 (Class 6. Information Collection)***
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number and type:

Reasons why project is exempt: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the project has been reviewed pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for determining the appropriate environmental review documents for a project subject to CEQA and Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, the procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA.

State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Section 15306 (Class 6. Information Collection). The Class 6 Categorical Exemption consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Project consists of a geotechnical field

investigation that will support soil characterization for design of a transportation corridor for the proposed Pier Wind Terminal Development Project.

Furthermore, the Port has determined that none of the exemptions to the exceptions set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of the categorical exemption in Section 15306. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

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☒ 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.