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FROM: CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PLANNING DIVISION
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Project Title: Icehouse Safety Platforms Project
Project Applicant: City of Santa Barbara
MST Number: BLD2024-03002
Assessor's Parcel Number: N/A
Land Use Zone: HC
Projection Location (Specific): City Pier
Project Location: City of Santa Barbara

Project Description:

The project involves construction of an equipment maintenance safety mezzanine on the east side of the Icehouse, modification of the west balcony to service elevator conveyor, and installation of two service hatches. The project proposes installation of 2 ½ ft catwalk on the east side of the Icehouse so maintenance can service the equipment and installation of two small access ports to improve employee safety. The balcony on the west side will be extended out 2.5 feet to access equipment. The project would not expand the operational use of the Icehouse structure.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Barbara
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Barbara
Lead Agency Contact: Kaitlin Mamulski Telephone: (805) 897-2685

Exempt Status: Exempt under CEQA Section § 15301 Existing Facilities

Reason Why Project is Exempt:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities. This Project meets § 15301 Existing Facilities categorical exemption because the repair and maintenance of existing facilities to meet current safety standards will not result in an expansion of use.

Biology. The Project is located on the City Pier which is elevated above the Pacific Ocean by 8-15 feet depending on the tide. The Project must comply with Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect the water quality in the harbor. Project specific BMPs will be implemented by the contractor and verified by the Waterfront Department. Additionally, A pre-construction survey for nesting birds shall be conducted by a qualified biologist to determine if active nests of special-status birds, or common bird species protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and/or the California Fish and Game Code, are present in the construction zone or within 300 feet of the construction zone. The survey shall be conducted within 1 week prior to construction or site preparation activities that would occur during the nesting/breeding season of native bird species potentially nesting on the site (February 1 through August 30). With adherence to the BMPs and performance of a pre-construction survey for nesting birds, the effect on biological resources is considered less than significant.

Coastal Zone. The Project is located in the CCC's retained jurisdiction of the Coastal Zone and will require a Coastal Waiver. Compliance with the CCC's Coastal Waiver and the Project's BMPs will ensure the effects on Coastal Zone resources are less than significant.

Visual. There will be above-ground features of the Project, however, the changes will be in keeping with the surrounding facilities and would therefore have a less than significant impact on visual resources.

In conclusion, the Project will involve minor repair and maintenance of existing facilities to meet current safety standards and will not result in an expansion of use. The Project is not anticipated to result in any significant impacts towards environmental resources, therefore, the Public Works Department recommends that the Case Planner consider this Project as exempt, as defined in the CEQA review process classified under the Class 1, 15301 Existing Facilities categorical exemption of the CEQA Guidelines.

Environmental Analyst Signature: _____



Date: 5/13/2025