

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
 County of: San Joaquin  
44 N San Joaquin St #260  
Stockton, California 95202

From: (Public Agency): Port of Stockton  
315 Fyffe Avenue  
Stockton, California 95203  
 (Address)

Project Title: Port of Stockton SQM Laydown Agreement Warehouse 414

Project Applicant: Port of Stockton (Port)

Project Location - Specific:  
Warehouse 414 (East and Center Sections) at 414 Edwards Avenue, Stockton, CA 95203

Project Location - City: Stockton Project Location - County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
 The Port proposes to issue a new temporary laydown license agreement to an existing Port tenant, SQM, for tenant use of an existing warehouse space on the Port's West Complex. The area would be used for transloading, temporary storage and laydown of approved bagged fertilizer products in accordance with their existing lease. The space will be leased on a short-term monthly basis.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Stockton

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SQM

- Exempt Status: (check one):
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
  - Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
  - Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
  - Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Existing Facilities (15301)
  - Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:  
 The proposed project would not cause any significant impacts to the environment. Section 15301 applies to this project because it involves use of an existing empty warehouse which was formerly used as storage space. In accordance with Section 15300.2, which stipulates the exceptions to CEQA categorical exemptions, the proposed project would not result in a significant cumulative impact, significant effect on the environment, or impact scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, or historical resources. Accordingly, the proposed project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

Lead Agency  
 Contact Person: Jason Cashman Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-946-0246

- If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
  2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: J. P. G. L. Date: 05/22/25 Title: Director of Environmental Affairs

▪ Signed by Lead Agency ▪ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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 05/27/2025 09:38:53 AM  
 Steve J. Bestolarides  
 San Joaquin County Clerk







State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

**NOTICE**

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

**COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE**

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

**COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS**

**Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):**

- Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- Mail filing fees for **CRP** document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

**Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))**

- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

**Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected**, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

**The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:**

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

**DOCUMENT RETENTION**

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

**RECEIPT NUMBER**

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

**DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.**

**Mail to:**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Accounting Services Branch  
 P.O. Box 944209  
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090

## ADOPTION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Port of Stockton Policy authorizes the Port Director to approve certain leases. As the final decision maker for this lease the Port Director shall also review and approve the Categorical Exemption.

The Port Director finds that a Categorical Exemption for SQM Laydown Agreement Warehouse 414 Temporary Lease has been prepared for the Project.

The Port Director has reviewed the Categorical Exemption together with all pertinent information regarding the proposed project and finds it represents the independent judgment and analysis of the Port Director and therefore adopts the Categorical Exemption. The Port Director finds on the basis of the whole of the record before him that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

The Categorical Exemption and documents and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which my decision is based can be located at the Port of Stockton. Ms. Melanie Rodriguez is the custodian for these documents.

The Port Director instructs the Port staff to file a notice of exemption within five working days of the date of this decision.

I approve the Categorical Exemption for SQM Laydown Agreement Warehouse 414 Temporary Lease project on the date set forth below.



Kirk DeJesus  
PORT DIRECTOR

DATE:

5/22/25