

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**From Lead Agency:** Port of Long Beach  
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**Project Title:** Tree Removal – Harbor Development Permit No. 25-022  
**State Clearinghouse No:**  
**Project Location – Specific:** 1126 Queens Highway; Harbor Planning District 9 – Queensway Bay  
**Project Location – City:** Long Beach, California **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Excavate to remove trees which were determined to be hazardous due to root growth that have caused pavement lifting and asphalt damage and repair pavement/asphalt as needed.

**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: **Section 15302 (Class 2. Replacement or Reconstruction)**
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: **Section 15269 (Emergency Project)**

**Reasons why project is exempt:**


Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction (Class 2): The Class 2 Categorical Exemption consists of 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 new replacement pavement will be located on the same site as the pavement replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the pavement replaced. All equipment that is removed from the site will be disposed of in a manner that meets all federal, state and local environmental and regulatory requirements.

Section 15269 (b)(c) Emergency Project: Emergency Projects are statutorily exempt from the requirements of CEQA if the emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare, and the specific actions are necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. The project involves removing trees which were deemed a safety risk to the public due to root growth that have caused pavement lifting within a parking lot with frequent public usage.

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 Categorical Exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Class 2. Replacement or Reconstruction); therefore the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

**Lead Agency**

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.