



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** County of Los Angeles  
Registrar-Recorder/Clerk  
Business Filing & Registration  
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 1201  
Norwalk, California 90650

**From:** Port of Long Beach  
City of Long Beach Harbor Department  
Environmental Planning Division  
415 West Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, California 90802

Governor’s Office of Land Use and Innovation  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, California 95814  
(via State Clearinghouse CEQAnet)

**Project Title:** Fifth Amendment to Long Beach Rail Operating Agreement

**State Clearinghouse No.:**

**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:** Fifth amendment to Long Beach Rail Operating Agreement with Pacific Harbor Line, Inc. (Agreement) extending the term of the Agreement commencing on August 1, 1998 and terminating on December 31, 2026. After January 1, 2026, the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has the right to terminate the Agreement without cause upon six months’ advance written notice.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Port of Long Beach

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project:** Port of Long Beach and Stapleton Technologies, Inc.

**Exempt Status: (check one):**

- Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption.

*State type and section number: Section 15301 Existing Facilities*

- Statutory Exemption.

*State code number:*

- Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1): The Class 1 Categorical Exemption consists of 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 merely consists of a fifth amendment to the existing Long Beach Rail Operating Agreement with Pacific Harbor Line, Inc. There are no other changes to term of the Agreement or physical modifications or change in existing use. Therefore, the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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 15301 (Existing Facilities). Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.


**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Allyson Teramoto

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**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**

  
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Renee Moilanen  
 Signed by Lead Agency     Signed by Applicant

**Date:** 7/27/25      **Title:** Director of Environmental Planning

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_