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**From:** California Energy Commission  
 715 P Street  
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**Project Applicant:** Port San Luis Harbor District

**Project Title:** Port San Luis Offshore Wind Operations Maintenance Terminal

**Project Location – Specific:** Port San Luis

**Project Location – City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Project Location – County:** San Luis Obispo County, CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The grant agreement funds planning work to mature the proposed Port San Luis O&M terminal’s engineering design, prepare the project for coastal permitting, and deepen community, stakeholder, tribal, and agency engagement on the project across the Central Coast. The O&M terminal could be utilized by multiple wind projects located in federal waters off California’s Central Coast.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Energy Commission

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

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

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number  
Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, §§ 15306, 15262
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 15306 provides that basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project consists of paper design and planning studies such as onshore and marine terminal engineering and design work, as well as commercial and technical planning elements informed by community, tribal, stakeholder, and agency input. CEC funds will be used to complete 15% and 30% engineering design packages for the proposed project, conduct project cost analyses based upon these designs, develop an emissions reduction strategy, as well as to start permit application preparation. The project does not include any investigations or analyses that involve physical disturbances or modifications to the project site. For these reasons, the proposed project will have no significant effect on the environment and is categorically exempt under section 15306.

In addition, this agreement involves only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions that appropriate agencies, boards, or commissions have not approved, adopted, or funded. Environmental factors of this research have been considered. Therefore, the project is exempt from Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 15262.

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

This project does not involve impacts on any particularly sensitive environment; does not involve any cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place that might be considered significant; does not involve unusual circumstances that might have a significant effect on the environment; will not result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; the project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5; and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, none of the exceptions to categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project, and this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

**Public Agency**

**Contact Person:** Reid Boggiano **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 217-226-1139

**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:** Reid Boggiano **Date:** 10/14/2025 **Title:** EGSPS I

**Signed by Public Agency**

**Signed by Applicant**

**Date received for filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_