

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 Rail Improvement Project - Acquisition of right of way and slope easements

Project Applicant: Port of Stockton

Project Location - Specific:
707 & 717 South Ventura Street and 2025 West Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, CA

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
As part of long-term planning efforts to improve rail infrastructure and prepare for future growth, the Port of Stockton Replacement Bridge and Rail Improvements Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was adopted 9/21/2021 (Rail Infrastructure Project). As part of the rail enhancements, the acquisition of certain Right of Way and Easements (ROW) from private property owners is required. Acquisition must be completed prior to the initiation of the Rail Improvements Project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Stockton

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Port Stockton

- 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:
[X] Statutory Exemptions. State code number: CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) "Common Sense Exemption"

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project consists of acquiring right-of-way and slope easements. The acquisition is a transactional action that will not result in a physical change to the environment. Environmental effects of the Rail Improvements Project were evaluated in the previously adopted IS/MND. The project is therefore exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3), Common Sense Exemption.

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: [Signature] Date: 10/21/25 Title: Director of Environmental Affairs

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

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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

RECEIPT NUMBER: 39-10212025-308
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY PORT OF STOCKTON	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/21/2025
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN JOAQUIN	DOCUMENT NUMBER 39-10212025-308
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PROJECT TITLE
 PORT OF STOCKTON RAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT-ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY AND SLOPE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME PORT OF STOCKTON	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (209) 946-0246
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 315 FYFFE AVE	CITY STOCKTON	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95203
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:


- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,123.50 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,968.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,401.75 \$ _____

- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ _____ \$50.00
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ \$50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Kelley McHugh, Deputy
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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