

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
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Via State Clearinghouse CEQAnet

From: Port of Long Beach
(Lead Agency) City of Long Beach Harbor Department
Environmental Planning Division
415 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802

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Project Title: Cooperative Agreement Between the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles
and the South Coast Air Quality Management District

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: The Cooperative Agreement between the Port of Long Beach (POLB), Port of Los Angeles (POLA), and South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) sets forth the process and requirements for the implementation of a Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) Plus measure for the ports' development of Zero-Emissions Infrastructure Plans (ZE Plans) for the implementation of zero-emission charging and fueling infrastructure on port-managed property for all port sources. The Cooperative Agreement defines the roles of each the ports and the South Coast AQMD; the Cooperative Agreement requires the POLB and POLA to respectively develop zero-emission infrastructure plans (ZE Plan) in phases, by port source(s), commit to a public process; identifies provisions in the event the Port defaults on a requirement, and requires annual reporting on progress during the term of the Cooperative Agreement. During development of the ZE Plans, the South Coast AQMD will be consulted at least 30 days prior to release of the draft ZE Plans. The ZE Plans are subject to public review for at least 30 days, during which the Port will hold one public meeting. Following the public review period, the South Coast AQMD will be able to review the draft ZE Plan along with all public comments received for an additional 30 days. Public comments received will be considered and the POLB will prepare a revised draft ZE Plan to be reviewed by the South Coast AQMD for completeness. The final ZE Plans are subject to approval by the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board). In Phase 1, the ZE Plan for container terminals and drayage trucks will be released by May 30, 2027, a revised draft ZE Plan released by September 30, 2027, and the Board's adoption of the final ZE Plan by December 31, 2027. In Phase 2, the draft ZE Plan for non-container terminals, harbor craft, and in-port locomotives will be released by May 30, 2028, a revised draft of the ZE Plan released by September 30, 2028, and the Board's adoption of the final ZE-Plan by December 31, 2028. Phase 3 involves the preparation of the draft ZE Plan for ocean-going vessels released by May 30, 2029, release of the revised draft ZE Plan by September 30, 2029, and adoption of the final ZE Plan by the Board by December 31, 2029. If the POLB or POLA fails to meet a ZE Plan submittal date, an implementation milestone, or fails to adhere to the public process, the POLB or POLA will be subject to payment into a Clean Air Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$50,000 up to \$200,000, depending on the nature of the default. The Clean Air Mitigation Fund will be managed by the South Coast AQMD for disbursement to State Tidelands-compliant projects. POLB and POLA will also reimburse the South Coast AQMD for staff costs associated with review of the ZE Plans and annual reports. Under the Cooperative Agreement, the South Coast AQMD agrees to evaluate and potentially support funding efforts for the CAAP Plus Measure; monitor, assess, and verify the implementation of the CAAP Plus Measure based on information provided by the ports, and make accessible to the public, any pertinent data and information related to the implementation of the CAAP Plus Measures. The South Coast AQMD, POLB, and POLA also agree to continue discussions through Spring 2026, related to additional clean air strategies for potential enhancements to the Cooperative Agreement. The term of the Cooperative Agreement will be effective as of the date of the last party's signature through December 31, 2030.

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED

ON November 10 2025

UNTIL December 10 2025

REGISTRAR – RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK



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Electronically signed by LAKEISHA MCCOY



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Nov 10 2025

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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)]
☒ **Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: *State CEQA Guidelines Section 15306. Information Collection***
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☒ **Statutory Exemption. State code number: *State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262. Feasibility and Planning Studies***

☒ Common Sense Exem☐ Other:**Reasons why project is exempt:**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the project has been reviewed pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, which provides the three-Step CEQA process for determining the appropriate environmental review document for a project subject to CEQA and Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, which identifies the procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. It has been determined that the Cooperative Agreement is exempt from the provisions of CEQA for the following reasons:

Statutory Exemption State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262. Feasibility and Planning Studies: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (Feasibility Studies) statutorily exempts a project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration, but does require consideration of environmental factors. This section does not apply to the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities. Among the terms of the Cooperative Agreement is the requirement for each of the respective ports to prepare ZE Plans identifying the charging and fueling infrastructure on port-managed properties for cargo-handling equipment at container and non-container marine terminals, drayage trucks, local switcher locomotives, harbor craft, and ocean-going vessels. Each ZE Plan will be made available for public review and for review by the South Coast AQMD; each ZE Plan will also be subject to the Board of Harbor Commissioners' approval. Future actions to implement each plan involving a commitment to develop or construct the charging and fueling infrastructure as identified in the ZE Plans would be subject to the appropriate environmental review in accordance with CEQA.

Categorical Exemption State CEQA Guidelines Section 15306. Class 6. Information Collection: The Class 6 Categorical Exemption consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The Cooperative Agreement includes responsibilities for the ports for the implementation of the CAAP Plus Measures, including a stakeholder process where the ports shall conduct a transparent public process for all CAAP stakeholder to review and comment on CAAP Plus Measures through CAAP Stakeholder Meetings. The Long Beach City Charter and the Brown Act require the Board of Harbor Commissioner and City Council to conduct noticed public hearings and opportunity for public comment, which shall apply to the CAAP Plus Measures as they are presented to the Board. In addition, the Ports will be required to monitor the implementation of the CAAP Plus Measures and provide data and reports to the South Coast AQMD as specified for each of the CAAP Plus Measures in the Cooperative Agreement.

State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). Common Sense Exemption: Because the purpose and intent of the Cooperative Agreement is to achieve quantifiable emissions reductions from port-related operations for the protection of air quality and public health, the project is considered to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Common-Sense Exemption in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

The project does not propose or authorize any specific new development or construction. Appropriate environmental review pursuant to CEQA, must, and will be completed, if and before any commitment to a project or development occurs. Furthermore, the Port has determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.3 foreclose the use of the categorical exemption in Section 15306 (Information Collection) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

Lead Agency

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Signature:  **Date:** 11/7/2025 **Title:** Director of Environmental Planning

Renee Moilanen

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant



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:

19 — 11/10/2025 — 202511101240029

STATE CLEARING HOUSE # (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
PORT OF LONG BEACH		11/10/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
		2025253649

PROJECT TITLE

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PORTS OF LONG BEACH AND LOS ANGELES AND THE
SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
PORT OF LONG BEACH		
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
415 W. OCEAN BL.	LONG BEACH	CA
		ZIP CODE
		90802

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	\$ 0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$ 0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$ 0.00
☒ 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	\$ 0.00
☒ County documentary handling fee		\$ 75.00
☐ Other		\$ 0.00

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 75.00

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