

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Baseline Budget Approval and Spending Authorization for Tidal Gauge Installation
Project Harbor Development Permit #25-073

State Clearinghouse No.: [REDACTED]

Project Location – Specific: Berth F202, water side of Fire Station 15

Project Location – City: Long Beach

Project Location – County: Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Baseline budget and spending authorization in the amount of \$500,000 for the installation of a tidal gauge station (Project) to monitor tides, sea level trends, and provide essential data for navigation, hydrographic surveying, coastal engineering, and geodetic reference systems. Construction activity associated with the Project would be performed under Harbor Development Permit (HDP) 25-073.

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]; ☐ Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))
☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); ☐ Other:
☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: **Section 15303 (Class 3. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)**
☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Categorical Exemption: Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3): The Class 3 Categorical Exemption consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The Project involves the installation of a tidal gauge on an existing structure where only minor modifications are made to the exterior of the structure.

Lead Agency

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☒ 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.