



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
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RECEIPT NUMBER:

37-01/15/2026-0028

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LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 01/15/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2026-0028	

PROJECT TITLE

DRONE SHOW EVENT BY DRONE STUDIOS ON BEHALF OF MALIBU FARM AT EMBARCADERO MARINA PARK NORTH

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME JEFF STEIN, DRONE PILOT, DRONE STUDIOS	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 707-481-2586
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 575 SIXTH AVE UNIT 1202	CITY SAN DIEGO	STATE CA
	ZIP CODE 92101	

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$	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		\$	50.00
☐ Other		\$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

X

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, SILVIA LUNA, Deputy

Payment Reference #: AUTH: 011695 ORDER# 214280800



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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EMBARCADERO MARINA PARK NORTH

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
☐ Other (Please fill in type):

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO
COUNTY CLERK ON** January 15, 2026
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Notice of Exemption*CEQA Guidelines Appendix E*

To: ■ San Diego County Recorder/County Clerk
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260
San Diego, CA 92101-2480

From: ■ San Diego Unified Port District
Development Services Department
3165 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

Project Title: Drone Show Event by Drone Studios on behalf of Malibu Farm at Embarcadero Marina Park North
Project Applicant: Jeff Stein, Drone Pilot, Drone Studios, 575 Sixth Ave Unit 1202, San Diego, CA 92101; (707) 481-2586

Project Location – Specific: 1 Embarcadero Marina Park North, San Diego, CA 92101

Project location – City: San Diego

Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project is for an approximately 10-minute drone show on February 3rd, 2026, by Drone Studios on behalf of Malibu Farm at Embarcadero Marina Park North (EMP) in San Diego, CA. The drones would be deployed from and landed at the western edge of EMP. The proposed event would have a duration of one (1) day, including set-up starting at approximately 6:00 p.m. and clean-up concluding at approximately 10:00 p.m.

A temporary safety perimeter would be established at the western edge of EMP along a small section of the promenade adjacent to the waterfront. During the drone show, pedestrian access within the safety perimeter would be temporarily restricted using cones, caution tape and enforced by staff for a period of 15-minutes during the drone show. An alternative nearby walkway and park space would remain open at all times. Following the 15-minute period, the promenade would be reopened. No other closures of the walkways or road are anticipated to occur. The proposed event would be able to be viewed by the public without cost from various areas throughout the Embarcadero. Once the drone show concludes and the drones are secured, the safety perimeter would be removed. In the unlikely event a drone descends into the water, a net would be used to collect the drone immediately. The proposed drone shows would not impact commercial fishing activities or public access due to their limited nature.

Staging for the proposed event would be within the safety perimeter and consist of approximately 100 drones. The drone show operation would have staff assigned as visual observers. Visual observers are responsible for scanning and monitoring for any and all airborne activity, such as aircraft, failed drones, and activity involving wildlife, and reporting any relevant observations to the District. Event staff would occupy approximately 3 spaces in the nearby EMP public parking lot. Additionally, the Applicant is required to comply with FAA regulations and obtain any applicable approvals.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego Unified Port District (SDUPD)

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: Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4)**
☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is determined to be Categorical Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Section

3.d. of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because it is for a temporary event that would result in no permanent effects on the environment, and would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees. Section 3.d. of the District's CEQA Guidelines is as follows:

- 3.d. Existing Facilities (SG § 15304) (Class 4): Includes minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation not involving the removal of mature, scenic trees, including, but not limited to:
- (6) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number: Betsy Viramontes, 619-686-6409

Signature: Betsy Viramontes **Date:** _____ **Title:** Planner I

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk: _____



San Diego County



Transaction #: 8838542
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JORDAN Z. MARKS

Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk

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Cashier Date: 01/15/2026

Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 01/15/2026 9:36 am

Payment Summary

Total Fees:	\$50.00
Total Payments:	\$50.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT \$50.00

Total Payments \$50.00

Filing

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Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00

Total Fees Due: \$50.00

Grand Total - All Documents: \$50.00