



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 37-03/04/2026-0198
STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 03/04/2026
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2026-0198
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PROJECT TITLE
 DRONE SHOW EVENT BY FIREFLY DRONE SHOWS LLC ON BEHALF OF ASU+ GSV SUMMIT AT EMBARCADERO MARINA PARK SOUTH

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME FIREFLY DRONE SHOWS LLC	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 810-710-0814
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1900 OPDYKE CT	CITY AUBURN HILLS	STATE MI	ZIP CODE 48326
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X ERS	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County Clerk, ELVA STOPKE, Deputy
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Payment Reference #: VITALCHEK: 216807735/014249



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

FILED
Mar 04, 2026 09:19 AM
JORDAN Z. MARKS
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
File # 2026-000216
State Receipt # 37030420260198

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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

**DRONE SHOW EVENT BY FIREFLY DRONE SHOWS LLC ON BEHALF OF ASU+
GSV SUMMIT AT EMBARCADERO MARINA PARK SOUTH**

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 <u>March 4, 2026</u>
Posted <u>March 4, 2026</u> Removed _____
Returned to agency on _____
DEPUTY _____

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

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 Firefly Drone Shows LLC on behalf of ASU+ GSV Summit at Embarcadero Marina Park South

Project Applicant: Matthew Sanker, Director of Sales, Firefly Drone Shows LLC, 1900 Opdyke Ct. Auburn Hills, MI 48326; (810) 710-0814

Project Location – Specific: 200 Marina Park Way, 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 15-minute drone show on April 15, 2026, by Firefly Drone Shows, LLC on behalf of the Arizona State University + Global Silicon Valley (ASU + GSV) Summit at The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park in San Diego, California. The drones would be deployed from and landed at the southern edge of Embarcadero Marina Park South (EMPS) and displayed southeast of the launch site directly over the water. The proposed event would have a duration of one (1) day, including set-up in the afternoon and clean-up in the evening.

A temporary safety perimeter would be established and enforced by staff on the southern edge of EMPS using caution tape, stanchions and signage. Pedestrian access within the safety perimeter would be temporarily restricted for approximately 30 minutes prior to and during the drone show. Adjacent park space would remain open at all times. Following the approximately 30-minute restriction period, the walkway and park space would be reopened. No other closures of the walkways are anticipated to occur. The safety perimeter would also include the flight area and the water area over which the show would be performed, both prior to and during the drone show. The proposed event would be publicly viewable at no cost from various areas throughout the Embarcadero. Once the drone show concludes and the drones are secured, the temporary safety perimeter would be removed. Additionally, a dedicated safety boat would be on site to maintain a safety perimeter on the water during the show. In the unlikely event a drone descends into the water, the safety boat would 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 500 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. 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 Categorically 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 because it is for a temporary event that would have a negligible, or no permanent, effect on the environment, nor would it involve the removal of mature, scenic trees. Section 3.d.(6) of the District's CEQA Guidelines is as follows:

- 3.d. Minor Alterations to Land (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:** 3/4/26 **Title:** Planner I

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:



San Diego County



Transaction #: 8914454
Receipt #: 2026084201

JORDAN Z. MARKS
Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
1600 Pacific Highway Suite 260
P. O. Box 121750, San Diego, CA 92112-1750
Tel. (619) 237-0502 Fax (619) 557-4155
www.sdarcc.gov

Cashier Date: 03/04/2026
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 03/04/2026 9:20 am

Payment Summary

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: Total Fees \$250.00, Total Payments \$250.00, Balance \$0.00

Main payment table with columns: Description, Amount. Includes sections for Payment (VITALCHEK PAYMENT \$250.00), Total Payments (\$250.00), Filings (CEQA - NOE), and four rows of fees for Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee (\$50.00 each).

CEQA - NOE

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State Receipt # 37-03/04/2026-0201

Fees:	Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
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Total Fees Due:		\$50.00
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Grand Total - All Documents:		\$250.00
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