

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, CA 95202

From: (Public Agency): Lead CEQA Agency
Port of Stockton
P.O. Box 2089 Stockton, CA 95201
(Address)

Project Title: Port of Stockton Cyanobacteria Harmful Algal Bloom Dredging Project

Project Applicant: Port of Stockton

Project Location - Specific:

In McLeod Lake near the Stockton Downtown Marina. Latitude: 37.953889, Longitude: -121.295833

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project aims to use maintenance dredging in a targeted way: to physically remove the cyanobacteria stock resting in sediment before they rise into the water and form blooms. By dredging approximately 55,000 cy of sediment from the Stockton Waterfront, where the highest concentrations of cyanobacteria and nutrients have been found, researchers expect to reduce the intensity of future blooms and improve water quality.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Stockton

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jason Cashman

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4, Section 15304: Minor Alterations to Land, type g
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project work consists of sediment dredging in the Stockton waterfront with the placement of dredged materials to occur at an existing dredged material placement site location owned by the Port of Stockton. The project would not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, expand upon existing uses, and is not barred by any exceptions identified in CEQA Guidelines 15300.2.

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: 04/21/2026 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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Steve J. Bestolarides
San Joaquin County Clerk



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:  
39-04212026-107

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY PORT OF STOCKTON	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 04/21/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN JOAQUIN	DOCUMENT NUMBER 39-04212026-107	

PROJECT TITLE  
 PORT OF STOCKTON CYANOBACTERIA HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM DREDGING PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME PORT OF STOCKTON	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (209) 946-0246
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS P.O. BOX 2089	CITY STOCKTON	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95201

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$3,043.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,437.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- 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 <b>X</b> 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Alfred Ambriz ,Deputy
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**NOTICE**

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental document 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 document 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 document 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 environmental document filing fee cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of environmental document filing fee cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- Mail environmental document filing fee 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. 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 document filing fee is due)*.

**Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))**

- Issue environmental document filing fee cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of environmental document filing fee cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental document filing fee is due)*.

**Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental document 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 submit the documents below to CDFW on a monthly basis by mail or CDFW's File Transfer Portal (see below):**

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash environmental document filing fee 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 and NOEs 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 and NOE has been filed. If this information is contained on the environmental document filing fee 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 a copy of the environmental document filing fee cash receipt and 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.**

For access to CDFW's File Transfer Portal, submit email to [CEQA@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:CEQA@wildlife.ca.gov) (Subject line: [County name] FTP account).

**Mail to:**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Accounting Services Branch  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, California 94244-2090