



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**CASH RECEIPT**

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RECEIPT NUMBER

37-06/10/2026-0516

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LEAD AGENCY

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE

06/10/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

SAN DIEGO

DOCUMENT NUMBER

37-2026-0516

PROJECT TITLE

DRONE SHOW EVENT BY DRONE STUDIOS ON BEHALF OF USS MIDWAY AT TUNA HARBOR PARK

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

JEFF STEIN, DRONE OPERATOR, 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 *Steve Sangthai*

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, STEVE SANGTHAI, Deputy

Payment Reference #: ORDER#/AUTH# 222145350/048843



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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Project Title

DRONE SHOW EVENT BY DRONE STUDIOS ON BEHALF OF USS MIDWAY AT TUNA HARBOR PARK

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)

Posted 6/10/26

Filed by Steve Sangthai
Deputy County Clerk

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 Drone Studios on behalf of USS Midway at Tuna Harbor Park

Project Applicant: Jeff Stein, Drone Operator, Drone Studios, 575 Sixth Ave Unit 1202, San Diego, CA; (707) 481-2586 92101

Project Location – Specific: 910 North Harbor Drive, 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 August 4, 2026, by Drone Studios on behalf of IUUC at the U.S.S. Midway in San Diego, CA. The drones would be deployed from and recovered at Tuna Harbor Park and displayed west 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 on the northern corner edge of Tuna Harbor Park using cones and caution tape and enforced by staff. Pedestrian access within the safety perimeter would be temporarily restricted for approximately 25 minutes during and following the drone show. A nearby walkway bordering the south side of the park area would be available at all times. No other closures of the walkway or road are anticipated to occur. The drone operator would be required to minimize disruptions to pedestrian access to the fullest extent feasible. The proposed event would be publicly viewable at no cost from various areas throughout the Tuna Harbor area. Once the drone show concludes and the drones are secured, the temporary safety perimeter would be removed.

Staging for the proposed event would be within the safety perimeter and consist of approximately 200 drones. Additionally, event staff would ensure a safety zone within the flight area, including the area of water over which the show would be performed. 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 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 a 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 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** 6/10/26 **Title** Planner I

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
- ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk



San Diego County



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Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk

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Cashier Date: 06/10/2026

Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 06/10/2026 8:53 am

Payment Summary

Total Fees	\$100.00
Total Payments	\$100.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT \$100.00

Total Payments \$100.00

Filings

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Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00

Total Fees Due: \$50.00

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Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00

Total Fees Due: \$50.00

Grand Total - All Documents: \$100.00