



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE

CASH RECEIPT

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37-07/01/2026-0589

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LEAD AGENCY

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE

07/01/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

SAN DIEGO

DOCUMENT NUMBER

37-2026-0589

PROJECT TITLE

TEMPORARY SIGNAGE INSTALLATION AT HILTON SAN DIEGO BAYFRONT DURING COMIC-CON 2026

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

LUISA GAWEL, SENIOR EVENT MANAGER, HILTON
SAN DIEGO BAYFRONT

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

619-200-4237

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

1 PARK BOULEVARD

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

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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Project Title

TEMPORARY SIGNAGE INSTALLATION AT HILTON SAN DIEGO BAYFRONT DURING
COMIC-CON 2026

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: 7/1/26

Filed by: Steve Sangthai

Deputy County Clerk

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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: Temporary Signage Installation at Hilton San Diego Bayfront During Comic-Con 2026

Project Applicant: Luisa Gawel, Senior Event Manager, Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard, San Diego, CA, 92101; (619) 200-4237

Project Location – Specific: 1 Park Boulevard, 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 would consist of the installation of temporary signage during Comic-Con International: San Diego (Comic-Con) by Hilton San Diego Bayfront (Applicant) in the city of San Diego, California. Comic-Con is a national event centered at the San Diego Convention Center (Convention Center), which also includes activities throughout Tidelands and the City of San Diego, activating the region with a one-of-a-kind event and bringing hundreds of additional visitors to the area. Events and displays are held, without limitation, at the park adjacent to the Hilton San Diego Bayfront and Convention Center, the Gaslamp Quarter, and many of the surrounding hotels. The Applicant has historically erected temporary signage during Comic-Con.

The proposed signage would be displayed solely during Comic-Con, for a total period of no more than one-month, with the option to change sign content up to one time during the one-month display period. No signage would be directed west towards the Bay and no illumination of the signage would occur. It is anticipated that the displays on the signage would include products sold and events held at Comic-Con or by the sponsors of the event. In this sense, the signage may be considered onsite signage as it would be advertising goods or services available at Comic-Con or by one of its sponsors.

The proposed signage would be placed on the northwest outer wall surface of the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel tower, facing towards the Convention Center, measuring approximately 238 feet wide by 188 feet high. The top of the sign would be installed in alignment with the top of the glass curtain wall, approximately 70-feet high from the bottom of the sign to street level.

The following items are prohibited pursuant to the District's standard approval and agreement for signage during Comic-Con and are not proposed as part of the project: (a) light shows; (b) electrical improvements to the signage, walls, or premises; and/or (c) illumination, including but not limited to, electronic, digital, or similarly illuminated components, of the signage, premises, or walls.

The signage features, the temporary nature of the signage, the corresponding high-volume activation of the events and the urban nature of the surrounding area (i.e. the Convention Center, Petco Park, and downtown San Diego) would ensure that the signage would not create visual or aesthetic impacts.

All works related to the proposed temporary signage, including installation, display, and removal, can only occur in the month of July 2026, closely corresponding with the duration of the Comic-Con event. The signage must be taken down and the facility returned to the same condition as it was prior to the installation of the signage no later than July 31, 2026. In no event would the signage be installed before and removed after the month of July. Both installation and removal would require the use of a boom lift.

Due to its nature and limited scope, the installation of the proposed temporary signage would generate a minor amount of vehicle trips and would require limited use of equipment. Therefore, impacts related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, transportation and traffic are not anticipated to occur. Furthermore, the Applicant would be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding construction demolition debris, hazards and hazardous materials, and stormwater.

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: Accessory Structures (SG § 15311) (Class 11)**
☐ 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 15311 (Accessory Structures) and Section 3.i. of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because it would consist of a temporary sign that would be accessory to an existing facility. The proposed sign is on-premise signage because it is anticipated to display products sold and events held at Comic-Con or by the sponsors of the event. Section 3.i. of the District's CEQA Guidelines is as follows:

- 3.i. Accessory Structures (SG § 15311) (Class 11): Including construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing facilities, including:
- (3) On-premise signs.
 - (5) Placement of temporary use items.

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

Signature: Betsy Viramontes **Date:** 6/1/26 **Title:** Planner I

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
- ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:



San Diego County



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Receipt #: 2026252430

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Cashier Date: 07/01/2026
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 07/01/2026 8:31 am

Payment Summary

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

Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT	\$100.00
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Filings

CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2026-000635 Date: 07/01/2026 8:31AM Pages: 3
	State Receipt # 37-07/01/2026-0588
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Total Fees Due:	\$50.00

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Grand Total - All Documents:	\$100.00
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