

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Landscape Improvements – Harbor Development Permit No. 26-030
State Clearinghouse No: Enter Number
Project Location – Specific: 925 Harbor Plaza (Former Port Administration Building) and Harbor Plaza North (east of Pico Ave); Harbor Planning District 8 – Southeast Harbor Planning District
Project Location – City: Long Beach, California **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Replace existing grass landscaping with drought-tolerant landscaping, in accordance with Assembly Bill 1572.

Exempt Status:

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| ☐ Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]; | ☐ Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3)) |
| ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); | ☐ Other: |
| ☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)] | |
| ☒ Categorical Exemption. Section 15301 (Class 1. Existing Facilities) and Section 15302 (Class 2. Replacement or Reconstruction) | |
| ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number: | |

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1): The Class 1 Categorical Exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Port will issue a Level I HDP for minor alteration of existing facilities to remove existing grass landscape involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction (Class 2): The Class 2 Categorical Exemption consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The project involves replacing existing grass landscape with drought-tolerant landscaping, in accordance with Assembly Bill 1572. All items that are removed from the site will be disposed of in a manner that meets all federal, state and local environmental and regulatory requirements.

The Port has determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of Categorical Exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1. Existing

Facilities) and Section 15302 (Class 2. Replacement or Reconstruction); therefore, the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

Lead Agency

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☒ 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.