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LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 08/05/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2026-0680	

PROJECT TITLE
TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT BY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT ON HARBOR ISLAND

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME KURT BRICKLEY, FORESTRY SERVICES AND OPEN SPACE MANAGER, SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER 619-686-6378
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 3165 PACIFIC HIGHWAY	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
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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
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SIGNATURE x	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County Clerk, SILVIA LUNA, Deputy
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SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
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Project Title

TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT BY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT ON HARBOR
ISLAND

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 8/5/26

Filed by SILVIA LUNA
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 Tree Removal and Replacement by San Diego Unified Port District on Harbor Island

Project Applicant: Kurt Brickley, Forestry Services and Open Spaces Manager, San Diego Unified Port District, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101, 619-686-6378

Project Location – Specific 3202 N 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 would involve the removal and replacement of a tree by San Diego Unified Port District (District) in the city of San Diego, California. The removed tree would be replaced at a minimum ratio of 1:1, with a drought-tolerant and/or water wise, non-invasive tree. The tree locations and activities are as follows:

Approximately one (1) Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) tree in the planter area along the pathway along North Harbor Drive adjacent to the current Hertz Corporation leasehold in East Harbor Island (Exhibit A) has died and requires removal. The tree would be removed and replaced in approximately late-2026 with a minimum of one (1) drought-tolerant and/or water wise, non-invasive tree to be planted in Harbor Island. This would take approximately two (2) days of work for removal and one (1) day for replacement planting.

The District and/or the District's landscape service providers would remove and replace the tree using a truck, chainsaw, chipper, stump grinder, hand tools and associated equipment. Tree replacement and planting would include ongoing maintenance as needed, including replacement of the tree within the first five (5) years of planting if it fails. Work hours for the proposed project would be from approximately 7:00am-3:30pm Monday-Friday. Since the tree removal location is adjacent to a pathway, a work crew would safely redirect pedestrians around the tree removal site during work.

A breeding and nesting bird survey would be conducted prior to tree removal activities. If an active nest is located, all work within 500 feet of raptor nests and 300 feet of other nests, or a distance determined to be appropriate by a qualified biologist, would be postponed until such nest is vacated and the juveniles have fledged and when there is no attempt of a second nesting.

Due to its nature and limited scope, construction of the proposed project would generate a minor amount of vehicle trips and would require limited use of equipment. Therefore, impacts related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation and traffic are not anticipated to occur. Furthermore, the District 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(s): Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1) and 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 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Sections 3 a and 3 d of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because it would consist of the removal and replacement of a tree and the associated tree maintenance that would involve negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing, would not result in a significant cumulative impact due to the continuation of the existing use, would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees and would result in no permanent effects on the environment

The proposed tree is not considered a mature, scenic tree for the following reasons While the District does not have a tree ordinance or policy, the City of San Diego Council Policy 900-19 for Public Tree Protection¹ provides for the protection of designated trees under the following categories Landmark, Heritage, Parkway Resource and Preservation Grove The tree proposed for removal would not qualify as a Landmark, Heritage or Preservation Grove tree While the proposed tree would potentially qualify as a Parkway Resource tree, the removal of the dead, not fully mature tree would not significantly affect the look of the whole row of trees because a consistent spread of canopy would remain throughout this area due to existing mature trees Sections 3 a and 3 d of the District's CEQA Guidelines are as follows

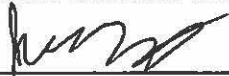
- 3 a Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1) Includes operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing

AND/OR

- 3 d Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4) Includes minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation not involving removal of mature, scenic trees

The District has determined none of the six exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption apply to this project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2)

Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number [Justin Huitema, 619-990-5610]

Signature  **Date** 8/5/2028 **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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Payment Summary

Total Fees	\$50.00
Total Payments	\$50.00
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Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT \$50.00

Total Payments \$50.00

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Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00

Total Fees Due: \$50.00

Grand Total - All Documents: \$50.00