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:
37-10/21/2026-0900

STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (*If applicable*)

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT		10/21/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
SAN DIEGO	37-2026-0900

PROJECT TITLE
INTERNATIONAL JEHOVAH WITNESS CONVENTION-TASTE & REJOICE PICNIC

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES		760-898-4019

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
675 RED MILLS ROAD	WALLKILL	NY	12589

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	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X ERS	San Diego County Clerk, ELVA STOPKE, Deputy

Payment Reference #: VITALCHEK: 228928130/044363

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT COPY - CDFW/ASB COPY - LEAD AGENCY COPY - COUNTY CLERK DFW 753.5A (Rev. 01012026)

SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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Project Title

INTERNATIONAL JEHOVAH WITNESS CONVENTION - TASTE & REJOICE PICNIC

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: 10/21/26

Filed by: ELVA STOPKE

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: International Jehovah Witness Convention – Taste & Rejoice Picnic
Project Applicant: Bobby Harris, Convention Representative, Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 675 Red Mills Road, Wallkill, NY 12589; (760) 898-4019
Project Location – Specific: Embarcadero Marina Park South, 200 Marina Way, 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 the Taste & Rejoice Picnic, a picnic event associated with the International Jehovah Witness Convention, at Embarcadero Marina Park South (EMPS) in the city of San Diego, California. The proposed event would occur in the fall and have a duration of approximately four (4) days, with an additional one (1) day for setup, and one (1) day for breakdown. The proposed event would have an estimated attendance of approximately 1,800 people. The proposed event would require approximately 20 parking spaces directly adjacent to EMPS for staging of portable restrooms, dumpsters, as well as ADA parking and parking for volunteers and staff, however, there would be no exclusive use and/or closure of the parking lot which would remain open for public use throughout the entirety of the proposed event. Additionally, the promenade, fishing pier, and public restrooms would remain open for public use throughout the entirety of the proposed event. Signage related to the temporary park closure shall be posted a minimum of 72 hours prior to the proposed event. 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 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(s): Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4), Accessory Structures (SG § 15311) (Class 11), and Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings (SG § 15323) (Class 23)**
- □ 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 Sections 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), 15311 (Accessory Structures), and 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings), and Sections 3.d. and 3.i. of the *District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* because it is a temporary event that would include the placement of minor structures accessory to the event that would result in no permanent effects on the environment, would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, and would consist of the normal operation of existing facilities for public gatherings. Sections 3.d. and 3.i. of the *District's CEQA Guidelines*, and Section 15323 of the CEQA Guidelines are 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 removal of mature, scenic trees, including, but not limited to:

(6) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the significant.

AND/OR

3.i. Accessory Structures (SG § 15311) (Class 11): Includes construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing facilities, including:

(3) On-premise signs.

(5) Placement of temporary use items such as portable restrooms.

AND/OR

Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings: Consists of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For the purpose of this section, "past history" shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility. Facilities included within this exemption include, but are not limited to, racetracks, stadiums, convention centers, auditoriums, amphitheaters, planetariums, swimming pools, and amusement parks.

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: Davin Cox, (619) 686-6293

Signature: _____ **Date**: 10/21/26 **Title**: Planner I

- ■ Signed by Lead Agency
- □ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:

San Diego County

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Cashier Date: 10/21/2026
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 10/21/2026 8:35 am

Payment Summary

Total Fees:	$50.00
Total Payments:	$50.00
Balance:	$0.00

Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT	$50.00
Total Payments	$50.00

Filing

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Fees:	Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	$50.00
Total Fees Due:		$50.00

Grand Total - All Documents: $50.00