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Project Title: Geotech Field Investigation - Pier C Wharf Seismic Retrofit and Upgrades Project – Harbor Development Permit No. 26-038

State Clearinghouse No.:

Project Location – Specific: Pier C, Berth C60-C62; Harbor Planning District 2 – Northeast Harbor

Project Location – City: Long Beach **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Level I HDP 26-038, approved by the Director of Environmental Planning on September 22, 2026, permits the Port of Long Beach to conduct a geotechnical field investigation at Pier C Berths C60-C62 to inform the engineering design of the Pier C Wharf Seismic Retrofit and Upgrades Project, consisting of 4 overwater soil exploratory boreholes, 6 Vibracore borings, 8 landside borings, 20 cone penetration tests, and 8 shallow borings.

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
- ☒ **Categorical Exemption. *State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15306 (Class 6. Information Collection)***
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number and type:
- ☐ Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))
- ☐ Other:

Reasons why project is exempt: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the project has been reviewed pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for determining the appropriate environmental review documents for a project subject to CEQA and Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, the procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA.

State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Section 15306 (Class 6. Information Collection). The Class 6 Categorical Exemption consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project consists of a geotechnical field investigations at Pier C Berths C60-C62 to inform the engineering design of the Pier C Wharf Seismic Retrofit and Upgrades Project through data collection and resource evaluation activities.

The Port has determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of the categorical exemption in Section 15306 (Class 6. Information Collection). The project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

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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.