



NOTICE OF PREPARATION *of a* **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT and NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING** *for the BAE SYSTEMS WATERFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT*

Notice is hereby given that the **San Diego Unified Port District (District)**, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the following "proposed project" as described below:

Project Title: BAE Systems Waterfront Improvement Project (UPD #EIR-2018-197)

Project Applicant: BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair Inc.

Project Location: 2205 East Belt Street, San Diego, California

Project Description: BAE Systems is a ship repair company in the San Diego area, primarily serving non-nuclear Navy vessels, as well as commercial customers. The proposed project would replace aging structures, improve existing infrastructure, increase space utilization, and increase efficiency of operations at the ship repair yard. While these improvements would allow for newer and different classes of vessels to be moored and repaired on site, the proposed improvements are not expected to increase the number of vessels serviced as no new berthing space would be provided and the mooring of new, larger vessels would reduce the number of other vessels that could be concurrently moored at the ship repair yard. The proposed project includes 15 distinct project elements designed to improve efficiency and functionality of the existing BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair Yard.

Environmental Considerations: The EIR will address the following potential project-related and cumulative environmental effects of the proposed project: air quality, biological resources, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise and vibration, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, and energy use as well as other potential impacts identified during the NOP process.

Availability of the NOP: The NOP may be viewed on the District's website: <https://www.portofsandiego.org/public-records/port-updates/notices-disclosures/ceqacoastal-act-notices>. The NOP is also available for public review at the Office of the District Clerk, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101. For questions on the NOP, please contact Joseph Smith, Department Manager, Development Services, at (619) 686-6597.

Public Comments on the NOP: The NOP is available for a minimum 30-day public review period that starts on Thursday, March 7, 2019 and ends at 5:00 pm on Monday, April 8, 2019. Comments regarding the scope and content of the environmental information that should be included in the EIR, and other environmental concerns, should be mailed to: San Diego Unified Port District, Development Services Department, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101, or emailed to jdsmith@portofsandiego.org.

Public Scoping Meeting: A public scoping meeting to solicit comments on the scope and content of the EIR for the proposed project will be held on **Monday, March 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** at the San Diego Unified Port District Administration Building, Training Room, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101.