

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2019039040

Project Title: Fender Systems Replacement Project

Project Applicant: BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair Inc.

Project Location (include county): 2205 Belt Street, San Diego, CA 92113. The assessor's parcel number is 760-022-06 and the Project's center readings are approximately latitude 32.691447, longitude -117.146016.

Project Description: The San Diego Water Board issued a Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification (Certification No. R9-2024-0050) to the Project Applicant to remove 247 damaged steel H-piles and associated fender systems and install 258 steel H-piles and associated fenders systems of the same size along Piers 1 and 3 and Building 13 Wharf (approximately 2,670 linear feet). Additionally, as-needed fender pile replacement of up to 195 H-piles and associated fender assemblies (not more than 39 replacements per year) on Piers 1 and 3 over the 5-year term of the permit is proposed to address damage associated with occasional vessel strikes. Project activities will result in permanent impacts to aquatic resources under the jurisdiction of the San Diego Water Board from the installation of additional fill and over-water surface water cover from current conditions. Unavoidable project impacts will be mitigated through the restoration of eelgrass habitat in San Diego Bay.

This is to advise that the San Diego Water Board, a Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on March 15, 2024, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the San Diego Water Board's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted by the San Diego Water Board for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by the San Diego Water Board for this project.
6. Findings were made by the San Diego Water Board pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The record associated with the San Diego Water Board's decision is available to the general public at 2375 Northside Drive, Ste. 100, San Diego CA 92108, ph. 619-521-1990 (Electronic File No./PIN 884856).

Signature (Public Agency) of Lisa Honma, Environmental Scientist

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Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resource Code.

Reference Sections 210000-21174, Public Resource Code.