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2022 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
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 37-05/11/2022-0318
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LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/11/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2022-0318	

PROJECT TITLE
 DISTRICT FUNDING SUPPORT TO THE LIVING COAST DISCOVERY CENTER'S ENDANGERED RIDGWAY'S RAIL
 PROPAGATION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME LIVING COAST DISCOVERY CENTER	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 619-409-5911
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1000 GUNPOWDER POINT DRIVE	CITY CHULA VISTA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 91910

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,539.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$2,548.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,203.25	\$	0.00

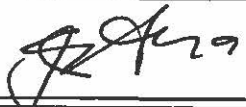
- Exempt from fee
- Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD

Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County Clerk, JESSADITH EDORA, Deputy
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Payment Reference #: AUTH #034257 ORDER #143491997



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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May 11, 2022 10:32 AM
Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr.
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
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Project Title

DISTRICT FUNDING SUPPORT TO THE LIVING COAST DISCOVERY CENTER'S
ENDANGERED RIDGWAY'S RAIL PROPAGATION PROJECT

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):

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO
COUNTY CLERK ON** May 11, 2022
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Notice of Exemption**CEQA Guidelines Appendix E**

<p>To:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814 ■ San Diego County Recorder/County Clerk 1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260 San Diego, CA 92101-2480 	<p>From: (Public Agency) San Diego Unified Port District Planning & Environment 3165 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92101</p>
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Project Title: District Funding Support to the Living Coast Discovery Center's Endangered Ridgway's Rail Propagation Project

Project Location – Specific: Living Coast Discovery Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Project location – City: Chula Vista

Project Location – County: San Diego County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: *The proposed project would continue to provide funding support to the Living Coast Discovery Center's Endangered Ridgway's Rail Propagation Project, which has been active since 2000. In partnership with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), Hubbs SeaWorld, San Diego Zoo Safari Park, and California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW), the Living Coast Discovery Center (Applicant) has been conducting the propagation project to rear the endangered Ridgway's Rail. The funding for the proposed project would support program activities such as: staff training to breed and raise Ridgway's Rail chicks to adulthood; rail veterinary care and animal husbandry; maintain proofing pens for habitat acclimation for the rails; diet and nutrition care for adults, chicks, and juveniles; maintain artificial nesting platforms located in the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Refuge; enhance current Ridgway's Rail educational exhibits; annual Ridgway's Rail surveys; conduct periodic releases in Southern California salt marshes; as well as other similar services as needed to support the Endangered Ridgway's Rail Propagation Project. District support of this program is consistent with the San Diego Bay Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP), which is a joint, guiding document for the natural resources management in the Bay, including District tidelands. As described in the INRMP the objective for the Ridgway's Rail (formerly light-footed clapper rail) is to: "Protect the listed light-footed clapper rail population inhabiting San Diego Bay and seek to contribute to its recovery."*

Capture and breeding of federal and state listed endangered species is strictly managed by USFWS and CDFW and requires specific training and permits for both organizations and individual biological or medial staff to be approved to perform this work. 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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Living Coast Discovery Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive, Chula Vista, CA 91910, (619) 409-5911

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: *Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1), Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4), Actions Taken by Regulatory Agencies for Protections of Natural Resources (SG § 15307) (Class 7)*
- Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt: *The proposed project is determined to be Categorical Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the Sections of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA as identified below. These are appropriate for the proposed project because it involves supporting the Living Coast Discovery Center and its partners, including regulatory agencies like the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife, to protect a federally listed and state-listed endangered Ridgway's Rail and would involve negligible or not expansion of use beyond that previously existing and would not involve the 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). Section 3.b (2) of the District's CEQA Guidelines is 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.*

AND/OR

3.g. *Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources (SG § 15307) (Class 7): Includes actions taken by regulatory agencies to assure the maintenance, restoration or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment. Construction activities are not included in this exemption.*

Lead Agency Contact Person and telephone number: Lily Tsukayama, (619) 686-8199

Signature:  Date: 5/10/2022 Title: Senior Planner

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk: