NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research  FROM: The Board of Trustees of the California State University
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Project Title: California State University, Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) – Emergency Dock Repair

Project Location-Specific:
Address: Cal Maritime campus located at 200 Maritime Academy Drive, Vallejo, California 94590
Cross Streets: Maritime Academy Drive and Faculty Drive
Latitude/Longitude: 38.074° N, 122.230° E

Project Location-City: Vallejo  Project Location-County: Solano

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The subject of this Notice of Exemption is floating docks and support piles that are owned and operated by the California Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) and located in the Cal Maritime boat basin in San Pablo Bay. Wind events in mid-June 2022 resulted in waves that pushed the existing floating docks into the support piles, causing severe damage to the support piles and docks. Without immediate action, the floating docks could become dislodged and cause potential damage to other over-water structures present at Cal Maritime, as well as vessels in Carquinez Strait, should the docks float outside of the Cal Maritime boat basin.

Cal Maritime proposes emergency repairs to the damaged piles and two floats beneath a section of existing floating dock to ensure the docks remain stable and in place at their current locations. Emergency repairs involve installation of five 18" diameter steel piles and collars and in-kind replacement of two floats totaling approximately 140 square feet beneath an existing floating dock section (one 7ft x 8 ft float and one 7ft x 12ft float). Piles will be driven with a vibratory hammer, with potential for use of an impact hammer if required for final seating. There will be no net increase in the total fill within the Bay resulting from the project and the project only replaces existing infrastructure damaged by a discrete wind event.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The Board of Trustees of the California State University
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California State University, Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime)

The project is exempt from CEQA under the following authority:

___ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
___ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
X   Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4), 15269(b)(c))
___ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: ________________________________
___ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: ________________________________
Reasons why project is exempt:

The planned activity involves emergency repairs to floating docks and support piles that were damaged during a discrete wind event and are necessary to maintain service and safety essential to CSU Cal Maritime staff, students, and other users in Carquinez Strait. Repairing the floating docks and support piles is also necessary to prevent potential damage to other over-water structures present in the immediate area as well as vessels in Carquinez Strait should the docks become dislodged. All emergency work is limited to areas that were damaged and in need of immediate repair to avoid a future emergency condition. If the work is not completed quickly, there is a high degree of risk that damage to life and/or property may result.

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Lead Agency Signature: ___________________________ Date: June 27, 2022

Title: Principal Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.