

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency)
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Coast Region
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Project Title: Vandenberg Harbor Maintenance Dredging Project

Project Applicant: Vandenberg Space Force Base

Project Location - Specific:

Vandenberg Space Force Base Harbor: 34.5551, -120.6092

Project Location - City: Vandenberg Space Force Base **Project Location - County:** Santa Barbara

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to maintain an adequate depth of Vandenberg Harbor in order to accommodate vessels entering the harbor. Dredging will maintain a depth of -10 feet MLLW plus a 2-foot over-dredge. Dredge spoils will be hauled to Pt. Pedernales for upland disposal in a borrow pit.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Vandenberg Space Force Base

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. State type and section number: Minor Alterations to Land, Maintenance dredging where the spoil is deposited in a spoil area authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies - 15304(g)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will entail maintenance dredging where the spoil is deposited in a spoil area authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies as described in Categorical Exemption Section 15304(g) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Phil Hammer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (805) 549-3882

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: 10/26/2022 ___ Title: Senior Environmental Scientist ___

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: