

# The Trustees of the California State University

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## CEQA – NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

This Notice is being filed in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

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### Project Title

California State University Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) Waterfront Master Plan

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### State Clearinghouse Number

2022120009

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### Project Location

The approximately 31-acre project site (Assessor's parcel number (APN) 006-209- 0030) is located within the Cal Maritime campus boundaries in the City of Vallejo, at the foot of the Carquinez Bridge in southwest Solano County and the adjacent waters of Morrow Cove. The approximately half-mile of waterfront, which is bordered by Morrow Cove Drive to the north, is the campus's dominant natural feature and the focal point of Cal Maritime instruction and activities. The pier and berth for the existing Cal Maritime's Training Ship Golden Bear (TSGB) and adjacent boat basin are major features of the southeastern edge of the waterfront. The campus waterfront and in-water marine structures make up the entire project site covered by of the Waterfront Master Plan. Approximately 4 acres of the project site occur on land along the waterfront, and approximately 27 acres occur on water in Morrow Cove.

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### Project Description

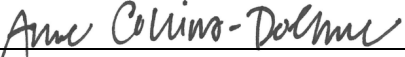
The Cal Maritime Waterfront Master Plan establishes a vision for waterfront and in-water improvements at the campus, located at 200 Maritime Academy Drive, Vallejo. The purpose of the project is twofold: to prepare for the arrival of a new training ship, the National Security Multi-Mission Vessel (NSMV), which will replace the TSGB, and to upgrade infrastructure and facilities that support other campus and public waterfront-dependent program needs, including renovation and development of waterfront buildings, enhancement of waterfront open space and connectivity, and expansion of site-serving utilities. The NSMV is one of a new fleet of ships designed by the US Maritime Administration. It will primarily be used for cadet training at the Academy but will be available for emergency use by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Implementation of the project would occur in three phases over approximately 10 years.

Phase One of the project is independent of the others and focuses on actions necessary to take delivery of the NSMV. It includes upgrades to in-water infrastructure and the Marine Yard, as well as expansion of site-serving utilities. Phase Two of the project would focus on project objectives to rehabilitate the boathouse, expand and optimize the boat basin, redevelop the existing Marine Yard, increase hands-on instructional opportunities, link campus buildings to waterfront open space, enhance public access, and safeguard waterfront resilience and ecological functioning. Phase Two involves activities that are not critical to support the arrival of the NSMV but are important for Cal Maritime's educational mission and expansion of cadet instruction. Phase Three would add classrooms and outdoor learning spaces associated with the Marine Programs Multi-Use Building, and a marine hydrokinetic barge and linking trestle may also be implemented. Phase Three would also focus on improvement of the campus-coastline linkage and open spaces and a heightened level of resilience to climate- and storm-related stresses.

***This Notice of Determination is to advise*** that the Trustees of the California State University, as the lead agency, have approved the above-described project on July 24, 2024, and have made the following determinations regarding the Project:

1. The Board of Trustees finds that the Cal Maritime Waterfront Master Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. The EIR addresses the proposed Waterfront Master Plan and all related discretionary actions..
3. Prior to the certification of the EIR, the Board of Trustees reviewed and considered the EIR and found it to reflect the independent judgment of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees hereby certifies the EIR as complete and adequate and finds that it addresses all potentially significant environmental impacts of the project and fully complies with the requirements of CEQA. For purposes of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, the administrative record includes the following:
  - a. The Draft EIR for the Waterfront Master Plan;
  - b. The Final EIR, including comments received on the Draft EIR, responses to comments, and revisions to the Draft EIR in response to comments received;
  - c. The proceedings before the Board of Trustees relating to the California State University Maritime Academy Waterfront Master Plan, including testimony and documentary evidence introduced at such proceedings; and
  - d. All attachments, documents incorporated by reference, and references cited in the documents specified in items (a) through (c) above.
4. This resolution is adopted pursuant to the requirements of Section 21081 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15091 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which require the Board of Trustees to make findings prior to the approval of the project.
5. The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Statement of Overriding Considerations stating that project benefits to The California State University outweigh the remaining significant and unavoidable impacts on an archaeological resource.
6. The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the CEQA Findings of Fact and Mitigation and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The required mitigation measures shall be monitored and reported in accordance with the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, which meets the requirements of CEQA (Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 21081.6; Guidelines § 15097).
7. The project will benefit The California State University.
8. The Waterfront Master Plan dated July 2024 is approved.
9. The chancellor or her designee is requested under Delegation of Authority granted by the Board of Trustees to file the Notice of Determination for the EIR for the California State University Maritime Academy Waterfront Master Plan.

***This is to certify*** that the Final Environmental Impact Report and supporting documentation are available to the General Public online at <https://www.csum.edu/facilities-planning-design-and-construction/capital-improvement-projects/waterfront.html>.

  
**Signature**     Anne Collins-Doehne

July 24, 2024  
**Date**

**Title**     Director, Land Use Planning & Environmental Review  
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