

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: San Diego Unified Port District Development Services Department 3165 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92101</p>
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Project Title: As-Needed Removal of Canary Island Palm Trees on Shelter Island
Project Location – Specific: Shoreline Park, 2200 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106
Project location – City: San Diego
Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project would involve the ongoing, as-needed removal of Canary Island Palm trees (palm trees) by the Department of Guest Experiences (District) in the city of San Diego, California. Some of the palm trees located on Shelter Island are currently showing early signs of South American Palm Weevil (Palm Weevil) infestation. Once infested, these trees could collapse at any given time, presenting imminent danger to public safety and infrastructure. Once a palm tree is showing signs of infestation, prompt removal is essential to prevent the spread of palm weevil to other healthy palm trees.

Work to specifically complete the proposed project would involve as-needed removal of infested palm trees upon confirmation of a certified arborist. Standard equipment such as chainsaws, associated work vehicles, and hand tools would be used for tree removal. A portion of the parking lot would be temporarily closed for equipment staging and to accommodate the removal of the palm trees. Rolling closure and reopening of parking stalls would be implemented to minimize parking stalls used while work is being completed. It is anticipated that approximately twenty to thirty (20-30) parking stalls (equivalent to less than 10% of the total parking stalls) would be temporarily unavailable as each tree is removed. Removal of palm tree(s) would typically occur between the hours of 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. The parking lot would be fully reopened at the end of each workday, and all promenade and coastal access would be maintained at all times.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego Unified Port District (SDUPD)
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ken Wallis, Director of Guest Services, San Diego Unified Port District, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101 (619) 961-0475

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 Exemptions: Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1)**
- Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 3.a. of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because it would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing and would not result in a significant cumulative impact due to the continuation of the existing use. Section 3.a. 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.
 - (12) Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs

Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number: *Abigail Haynam, (619) 686-6381*

Signature: *Abigail Haynam* **Date:** *12/20/2022* **Title:** *Assistant Planner*

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2022 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753 5a (Rev 01/01/22) Previously DFG 753 5a

RECEIPT NUMBER 37-12/20/2022-0923
STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 12/20/2022
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2022-0923
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PROJECT TITLE
AS-NEEDED REMOVAL OF CANARY ISLAND PALM TREES ON SHELTER ISLAND

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME KEN WALLIS, SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 619-961-0475
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 3165 PACIFIC HIGHWAY	CITY SAN DIEGO	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 92101
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

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, JULIE ANN SAN JUAN, Deputy
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Project Title

AS-NEEDED REMOVAL OF CANARY ISLAND PALM TREES ON SHELTER
ISLAND

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)

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