

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Port of Long Beach
Environmental Planning Division
415 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802

Project Title: Pipeline Installation – Harbor Development Permit No. 23-076
Project Applicant: Long Beach Utilities
Project Location – Specific: Harbor Scenic Drive and W. Ocean Blvd; Harbor District 5 – Middle Harbor
Project Location – City: Long Beach, California **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Installation of 652-feet of new 2-inch gas service line. The pipeline will be installed via open trench excavation method. Excavation is estimated to be 12-inches wide and an average of 4-feet deep. The total work area is assumed to be 25-feet wide.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Long Beach
Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Long Beach Utilities

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]

Categorical Exemption.

State type and section number: Section 15303 Small Structures, and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)

Statutory Exemption.

State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15303(d) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3): The Class 3 Categorical Exemption consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. Example (d) includes water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction. The project involves the installation of 652-feet of new 2-inch gas service line.

Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4): The Class 4 Categorical Exemption consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to: (f) trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. The project involves Installation of 652-feet of new 2-inch gas service line via open trench excavation method. Excavation is estimated to be 12 inches wide and an average of 4 feet deep. Upon completion the trench will be backfilled and the surface finished to match surrounding materials.


The Port has determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of the categorical exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Small Structures), and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land); therefore the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Alex Holford **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (562) 283-7100

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:** 1/10/24 **Title:** Director of Environmental Planning

Matthew Arms

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____