



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
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 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 37-05/17/2024-0394
 STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/17/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2024-0394	

PROJECT TITLE
 ZUNIGA JETTY SHOALS MARINE DEBRIS REMOVAL

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT (SDUPD)	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 619-686-6200
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 3165 PACIFIC HIGHWAY	CITY SAN DIEGO	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	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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Payment Reference #: CHECK#211722



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

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May 17, 2024 09:29 AM
JORDAN Z. MARKS
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
File # 2024-000420
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Project Title

ZUNIGA JETTY SHOALS MARINE DEBRIS REMOVAL

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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COUNTY CLERK ON** May 17, 2024
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Notice of Exemption*CEQA Guidelines Appendix E*

To: <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 	From: (Public Agency) San Diego Unified Port District Development Services Department 3165 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92101
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Project Title: Zuniga Jetty Shoals Marine Debris Removal
Project Location – Specific: Zuniga Jetty Shoals, east of Zuniga Jetty (32.6746, -117.2234)
Project location – City: San Diego
Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The San Diego Unified Port District (Applicant or District) proposes the removal of up to 90 items of marine debris including an estimated of at least 18 sunken or potential sunken vessels east of Zuniga Jetty in the Zuniga Jetty Shoals. Zuniga Jetty Shoals (Shoals) is located in the Pacific Ocean, south of the entrance to San Diego Bay and east of Zuniga Jetty (32.6746, 117.2234), a rubble-mount structure that extends approximately 1 mile offshore of Zuniga Point at Naval Air Station North Island. The Shoals consist of an area which stretches over 900 acres. In July and August 2023, a sonar survey was conducted in the Shoals which identified the items of debris ranging in size from approximately 5 to 1,300 square feet. Among the 90 identified debris items, 5 are confirmed sunken vessels, 13 are potential sunken vessels, and the remainder are smaller items noted as debris or within debris fields on the attached exhibit. Attachment 1 shows a map of the identified marine debris. The District intends to have all of the 90 items identified in the sonar survey removed before the end of 2025, however more time may be needed pending availability of funding or other resources. Caltrans is funding the initial debris removal through a "Funds Transfer Agreement" to address abandoned and derelict vessels at the Shoals, and the District may continue to pursue other funding opportunities. In addition to debris removal, funding may cover the enforcement of anchoring limits in the area to prevent future marine debris.

The District would solicit for a contractor to remove the debris. Contractor solicitation is anticipated to begin in May 2024. Debris removal is anticipated to begin in summer 2024. Once clean-up starts, the clean-up team would be on site approximately 4-5 days per week. The clean-up team would consist of up to 10 individuals, including 2-3 divers, 2-3 boat operators, and 2-4 deck hands.

The contractor would use a vessel to tow a small barge to access points of debris identified in the sonar survey. The small barge would hold an A-frame or crane to remove the debris. In addition to the small barge, 2-3 support vessels would be needed to support the dive teams. Divers would also use lift bags to pull the debris to the surface. Once removed, the debris would be transported off site where it would be recycled or disposed of per federal and state laws and regulations. Any liquid waste generated would be transferred to storage containers and appropriately disposed of according to the Best Management Practices listed in further detail below. The contractor would identify, weigh, and photograph each piece of debris removed.

The contractor will prepare and abide by a Best Management Practices plan to mitigate any impacts during debris removal operations. Best Management Practices will include:

- Having on site and ready to use, petroleum spill equipment, booms, spill containment bins should the contractor encounter any liquids oils or chemicals during debris removal. Provider to ensure that wastes are separated, contained, and disposed of properly at a permitted facility.

- Contractor shall provide a copy of their "Dive Safety Plan" if they propose to use divers. The "Dive Safety Plan" is to include measures to ensure boats are aware that divers are in the water and otherwise conform with all requirements of OSHA.
- Survey results indicate the area of known eelgrass habitat within the project site. The contractor will abide by California Eelgrass Mitigation Policy, Section II.C Avoiding and Minimizing Impacts to eelgrass. The contractor will be required to avoid anchoring or spudding in the eelgrass beds. Large debris, located within eelgrass habitat and which requires craning, will be performed by idling vessel (not anchored or spudded) and lift lines will be attached by in-water divers, taking the utmost care to protect Eelgrass and benthic habitat.
- Turbidity resulting from debris removal is anticipated to be minimal and temporary. If surface turbidity is seen during debris removal operations, the contractor shall slow, reduce, or stop work until the turbidity has ceased.

Due to its nature and limited scope, the proposed project would generate a minor amount of vehicle trips and would require limited use of equipment. Therefore, impacts related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation and traffic are not anticipated to occur. Furthermore, the Applicant would be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding demolition debris, hazards and hazardous materials, and stormwater.

The following categorical determinations are based on the project submittal and all project information known to the District as of the date of this determination.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: *San Diego Unified Port District (SDUPD)*

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: *San Diego Unified Port District (SDUPD), 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101 (619) 686-6200*

- 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), Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources (SG § 15307) (Class 7), and Actions by Regulatory Agency for Protection of the Environment (SG § 15308) (Class 8)**

Reason Why Project Is Exempt: The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agency for the Protection of the Environment) of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* because it involves the maintenance of wildlife habitat areas, stream flows, springs, waterholes, and stream channels to protect wildlife resources and actions taken by a regulatory agency to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource and of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of natural resources and for the environment. The District has determined none of the six exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption apply to this project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2). *Sections 3.a (15), 3.g, and 3.h of the District's CEQA Guidelines are 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, including but not limited to:

- (13) Maintenance of wildlife habitat areas, stream flows, springs, waterholes, and stream channels to protect wildlife resources.

AND/OR

- 3.g. Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources (SG § 15307) (Class 7): Includes actions taken by regulatory agencies to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment. Construction activities not included in this exemption.

AND/OR

- 3.h. Actions by Regulatory Agency for Protection of the Environment (SG § 15308) (Class 8): Includes actions taken by regulatory agencies to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Construction activities and relaxation of standards allowing environmental degradation are not included in this exemption.

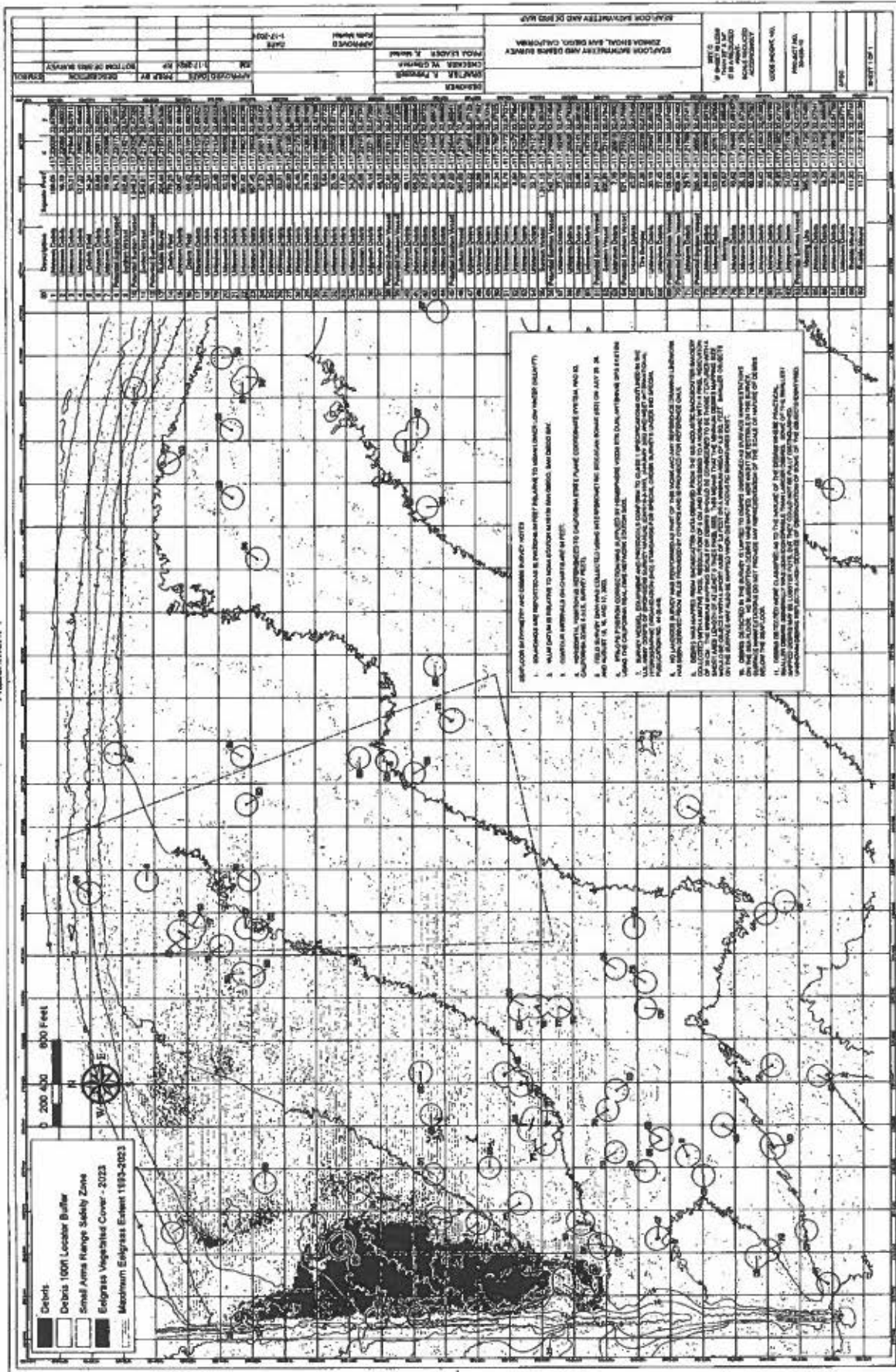
Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number: Jolie Gobler, (619) 821-6119

Signature: Jolie Gobler Date: 5/17/2024 Title: Assistant Planner

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:

Attachment 1



San Diego County



Transaction #: 7795742
Receipt #: 2024174878

JORDAN Z. MARKS
Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
1600 Pacific Highway Suite 260
P. O. Box 121750, San Diego, CA 92112-1750
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Cashier Date: 05/17/2024
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 05/17/2024 9:29 am

Payment Summary

Total Fees	\$50.00
Total Payments	\$50.00
Balance:	\$0.00

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Total Payments	\$50.00
Filing	
CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2024-000420 Date: 05/17/2024 9:29AM Pages: 5
	State Receipt # 37-05/17/2024-0394
Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00
Grand Total - All Documents:	\$50.00