

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Los Angeles
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12400 Imperial Highway, Room 1201
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From: Port of Long Beach
Environmental Planning Division
415 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802

Project Title: Potholing, Geotechnical, & Environmental Investigation – Harbor Development Permit 24-036

State Clearinghouse No:

Project Applicant: Port of Long Beach

Project Location – Specific: Various locations throughout the Harbor District

Project Location – City: Long Beach, California

Project Location – County: Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Perform up to six (6) geotechnical borings of 60-foot depth and up to five (5) potholes of 12-inch diameter by 5-foot depth to inform the design of the Gateway and Entry Monument project involving signage for seven locations within the Port of Long Beach's operating boundaries; the signage system would define and identify the Harbor District boundaries to traffic for maximum visibility and feature the Port's branding elements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Long Beach

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

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 15306 Information Collection;
Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemption.
State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

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 and backfilling where the surface is restored. The Project involves performing geotechnical borings and potholes and backfilling where the surface will be restored.

Section 15306 Information Collection (Class 6): The Class 6 Categorical Exemption consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The Project involves performing geotechnical borings and potholes to locate and inspect assets below grade which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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 Categorical Exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 (Information Collection) and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land); therefore, the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

Lead Agency

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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:** 7/24/24 **Title:** Director of Environmental Planning
Renee Moilanen
 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: _____