

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: San Mateo

From: (Public Agency): Port of Redwood City

675 Seaport Blvd.

Redwood City, CA 94063

(Address)

Project Title: Port of Redwood City Living Shoreline Pilot Project

Project Applicant: Port of Redwood City

Project Location - Specific:

Latitude: N 37.504020

Longitude: W 122.213743

Project Location - City: Redwood City

Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See Attachment A, Part 1

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Redwood City

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kristine Zortman, Executive Director, Port of Redwood City

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 Exemption. State type and section number: Small Habitat Restoration Projects Section 15333
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

See Attachment A, Part 2

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Trish Wagner

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 650-306-4150

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: 8/6/24

Title: Executive Director

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: _____

Notice of Exemption - Attachment A

Project Title: Port of Redwood City Living Shoreline Pilot Project

Project Applicant: Port of Redwood City

Part 1. Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Port of Redwood City (Port) is a deep-water port utilized for maritime commerce and community recreation.

The Port operates the 190-berth Redwood City Marina and an associated dry boat storage facility.

Other operations within the vicinity include private businesses, various shops and restaurants, a shoreline walking path, and industrial uses.

The Port is proposing a pilot project for a small living shoreline restoration of a 180 linear foot section of existing hardened shoreline within the Port (Project).

The Project involves installing approximately 45 EONcrete tidepools in the lower marsh area, restoration planting in the middle and upper marsh, as well as replacing a degraded retaining wall. The purpose of the Project is five-fold:

1. Improve the ecological conditions of the shoreline by enhancing intertidal habitat.
2. Generate data and lessons learned to inform design of future living shoreline projects in the Port of Redwood City and beyond.
3. Provide local public access and educational opportunities focused on marine life in various stages and forms.
4. Improve water quality and provide an ecological lift to the degraded shoreline and protect existing infrastructure.
5. Demonstrate a method of shoreline stabilization that creates a well-defined local ecosystem that mimics natural rock pools.

Part 2. Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is consistent with a Class 33 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guideline § 15333) Small Habitat Restoration Projects because it is a project that does not exceed five acres in size. The small size of less than five acres assures the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, and protection of habitat for fish, plants and wildlife. The project assures that

- A. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065
- B. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed, and
- C. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with effects from past projects, the effects of current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.
- D. The Port of Redwood City's Living Shoreline Project is consistent with the examples of small restoration projects listed in CEQA Class 33 that includes:
 - 1. Revegetation of disturbed areas with native plant species
 - 2. Stream or riverbank stabilization with native vegetation or other bioengineering techniques, the primary purpose of which is to reduce or eliminate erosion and sedimentation