

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: 2025-2026 Batiquitos Lagoon Maintenance Dredging

PROJECT LOCATION (CITY AND COUNTY): Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological Reserve (City of Carlsbad, San Diego County)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Maintenance dredging of Batiquitos Lagoon to remove sand from the flood shoal. Sand from the nearshore area is drawn into the lagoon by tidal action and forms the shoal. Shoal material has been tested and determined to be minimum 90% sand. Sand will be placed back on adjacent beaches, consistent with state and federal regulations. Dredging and redistribution will occur outside of avian nesting and grunion spawning seasons.

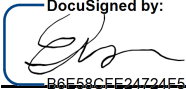
NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: California Department of Fish and Wildlife-R5

NAME OF AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: California Department of Fish and Wildlife-R5

EXEMPT STATUS (CLASS AND GUIDELINES SECTION): Class 4, Section 15304(g)

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project is part of the ongoing maintenance of the 1997 Batiquitos Lagoon Restoration Project.

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