



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/Clerk Business Filing & Registration 12400 Imperial Highway, Room 1201 Norwalk, California 90650	From:	Port of Long Beach Environmental Planning Division 415 West Ocean Boulevard Long Beach, California 90802
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Project Title: Memorandum of Understanding for Los Angeles Marine Emission Reduction Project; City of Los Angeles Harbor Department

State Clearinghouse No.:

Project Location – Specific: San Pedro Bay Complex

Project Location – City: Long Beach/Los Angeles

Project Location – County: Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Board of Harbor Commissioners executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) to provide \$340,000 in funding and in-kind services to support the Los Angeles Marine Emission Reduction (LA MER) project. The LA MER project will design, construct, launch, and demonstrate a high-capacity passenger ferry with Tier 4 propulsion engines and a diesel particulate filter (DPF); design, construct, launch, and demonstrate two zero-emission (ZE) capable hybrid excursion boats; and develop a Next Generation Harbor Craft Technology Evaluation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Long Beach

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

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 15301 Existing Facilities

- Statutory Exemption.

State code number: Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

- Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15061(b)(3). Common Sense Exemption. The Common Sense Exemption states that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the demonstration projects for which funding would be allocated under the proposed LA MER project would have a significant impact on the environment, as they would reduce emissions for disadvantaged communities while advancing the understanding of cutting-edge harbor-craft technologies for the future.


Section 15262. Feasibility and Planning Studies. The Feasibility and Planning Studies Exemption states that projects involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. The MOU would provide funding and in-kind services to support the LA MER project which would demonstrate two different emission-reduction technologies in different vessel types across many duty cycles.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jennifer Blanchard **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:** 2/10/25 **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: _____