



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Los Angeles
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 12400 Imperial Highway,
 Room 1201
 Norwalk, California 90650

From: Port of Long Beach
 Environmental Planning Division
 415 West Ocean Boulevard
 Long Beach, California 90802

Project Title: ARCHES Subaward Agreement
State Clearinghouse No.:
Project Location – Specific: Throughout the Port of Long Beach and the Long Beach Harbor District
Project Location – City: Long Beach **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Board of Harbor Commissioners approved to execute a subaward agreement with the Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems for Phase 1 of the Port of Long Beach Hydrogen Hub Project. Phase 1 consists of planning and development for which the Port will be required to develop, complete, and administer plans and templates including the Community Benefits Plan, Project Management Plan, Project Schedule, Baseline Development and Delivery, Data Management Plan, Security Framework and Cybersecurity Plan, Program and Project Controls Reporting Template, and Environmental Information Volume Template.

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:
- Statutory Exemption.
State code number:
- 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 execution of the subaward agreement and Phase 1 would have a significant impact on the environment. The ARCHES project is intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, public health impacts, and negative economic impacts to communities adjacent to the corridors and facilities used for goods movement.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Anjana Mepani **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:** 3/26/25 **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: _____