



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**From (Lead Agency):** Port of Long Beach  
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*Via State Clearinghouse CEQA Portal*

**Applicant:** Port of Long Beach  
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**Project Title:** Baseline Budget and Spending Authorization for the SERRF Drainage Diversion Project  
**State Clearinghouse No.:**  
**Project Location – Specific:** Pier S; Long Beach Harbor District 4 – Terminal Island  
**Project Location – City:** Long Beach **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** Baseline budget in the amount of \$3,150,000 and authorize spending in the amount of \$2,950,000 to complete the Design, Construction and Close-Out phases of the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) Drainage Diversion Project (project No. 1535-3226). A Harbor Development Permit was issued for the Project (24-058) on November 11, 2024.

**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 and Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land

- Statutory Exemption.

*State code number:*

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:**


Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1): The Class 1 Categorical Exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Project involves the installation of a storm drain system to an existing facility involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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. Examples include, but are not limited to: (f) trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. The Project involves trenching and backfilling where the surface will be restored.

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 the categorical exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land); therefore the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

**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:** 4/28/25 **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: \_\_\_\_\_