

**Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal**

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<b>SCH # 2016104001</b>
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**Project Title:** Otay River Estuary Restoration Project

Lead Agency: San Diego Unified Port District

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City: San Diego

Zip: 92101-1128

County: San Diego

**Project Location:** County: San Diego City/Nearest Community: Chula Vista

Cross Streets: Bay Boulevard between Palomar Street and L Street

Zip Code: 91911

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 32 ° 36 ' 44.89 " N / 117 ° 5 ' 40.89 " W Total Acres: 4.3

Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A

Section: N/A

Twp.: N/A

Range: N/A

Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Interstate 5

Waterways: Palomar Channel, San Diego Bay

Airports: N/A

Railways: N/A

Schools: N/A

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP

Draft EIR

NEPA:  NOI

Other:  Joint Document

Early Cons

Supplement/Subsequent EIR

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Final Document

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other: CEQA Equivalent

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**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update

Specific Plan

Rezone

Annexation

General Plan Amendment

Master Plan

Prezone

Redevelopment

General Plan Element

Planned Unit Development

Use Permit

Coastal Permit

Community Plan

Site Plan

Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

Other: Habitat Restoration

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_

Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_

Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_

Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_

Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_

Educational: \_\_\_\_\_

Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_

Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_

Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual

Fiscal

Recreation/Parks

Vegetation

Agricultural Land

Flood Plain/Flooding

Schools/Universities

Water Quality

Air Quality

Forest Land/Fire Hazard

Septic Systems

Water Supply/Groundwater

Archeological/Historical

Geologic/Seismic

Sewer Capacity

Wetland/Riparian

Biological Resources

Minerals

Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading

Growth Inducement

Coastal Zone

Noise

Solid Waste

Land Use

Drainage/Absorption

Population/Housing Balance

Toxic/Hazardous

Cumulative Effects

Economic/Jobs

Public Services/Facilities

Traffic/Circulation

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Wetlands, Habitat Replacement, Park/Plaza

**Project Description:** *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

See Attached Page

## Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".  
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

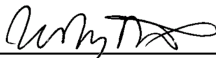
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of          | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency      | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics            | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # _____                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board       | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy          | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission                          | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board                        | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of                  | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission                 | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission                           | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # _____                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of           | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission         |  |

### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date N/A Ending Date N/A

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: Oct 9, 2020

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## **Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal (Appendix C)**

**Project Title:** Otay River Estuary Restoration Project

**SCH#** 2016104001

**Lead Agency:** San Diego Unified Port District

### Project Description:

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared and approved for the Otay River Estuary Restoration Project (ORERP) by the USFWS. The ORERP includes restoration of coastal wetlands and upland habitat west of the Otay River floodplain, just to the south of San Diego Bay; and restoration of an active solar salt pond (Pond 15) to tidally influenced subtidal and intertidal habitats. Pond 15 would be hydraulically connected to San Diego Bay through an inlet/outlet opening created on the northern side of the salt pond levee. Approximately 1.3 acres of the total 1.74 acre inlet/outlet excavation area is within the District's jurisdiction. Since the ORERP was approved, construction modifications were identified. Specifically, as it relates to District approval, the ORERP's proposed haul truck route was revised, requiring that trucks transporting materials between the Otay River Floodplain Site and the Pond 15 Site travel an additional 0.37 mile north (northern route) on Bay Boulevard and then turn left onto District property. Additionally, a new temporary construction staging area was identified on District property near Pond 15. These modifications were documented in an Environmental Action Statement (EAS) prepared by USFWS. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15221, the District has determined that the ORERP must comply with both CEQA and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and meets the conditions for the District to use the EIS and EAS in place of an EIR. Per State CEQA Guidelines section 15225(a), the District is not circulating the EIS and EAS for public review because the EIS was circulated by the USFWS for public review and comment and notice was given in a manner meeting the standards in CEQA Guidelines section 15087(a).