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**Project Title**

**SAN YSIDRO FREIGHT YARD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT: BEYER  
BOULEVARD SLOPE AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

**Check Document being Filed:**

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ☒ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- ☐ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ☐ Other (Please fill in type):

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**Notice of Determination**

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**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
County of San Diego  
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260  
San Diego, CA 92101

**From:**

San Diego Association of Governments [LEAD AGENCY]  
401 B Street, Suite 800  
San Diego, CA 92101  
Contact: Keith Greer, 619-699-7390

**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2010071032

**Project Title:** San Ysidro Freight Yard Improvements Project: Beyer Boulevard Slope and Drainage Improvements

**Project Applicant:** San Diego Association of Governments

**Project Location:** City of San Diego, San Diego County.

**Project Description:**

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), adopted a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study (MND/IS) for the San Ysidro Freight Rail Improvements Project (herein referred to as Approved Project) on March 4, 2011 (State Clearinghouse [SCH] No. 2010071032). SANDAG also filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the California Office of Planning and Research and County Clerk of San Diego on March 4, 2011. Additionally, a Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP) was adopted for the Approved Project in March 2011.

The Approved Project, as described in the Final MND/IS entailed improvements at the San Ysidro Rail Yard (Rail Yard), included construction of two new track extensions and revisions to track alignment for additional rail car storage, a new truck access road, and drainage improvements. The two new track extensions provide additional storage capacity, as well as the ability to switch rail cars outside of the constrained operating windows without interrupting the trolley line. The improved truck access to the Rail Yard provides additional opportunities for cargo transfer (transloading) and eliminates some regional truck traffic trips on freeways in the region. Truck access to the Rail Yard is provided from East Beyer Boulevard via a new one-way, entrance-only driveway that connects to an internal access road that parallels the railroad tracks to the east. Trucks exit the Rail Yard utilizing the existing driveway off East Beyer Boulevard, north of East San Ysidro Boulevard. Other improvements, such lighting and fencing, were installed for improved safety and security. The Approved Project also included drainage improvements to alleviate flooding and siltation that occurred at the Rail Yard. Because of the Rail Yard's adjacency to steeper topography of the undeveloped hillsides to the east, it is subject to inundation by water and silt during storm events. The Approved Project corrected the drainage deficiencies by constructing storm drain facilities to accommodate flows during storm events, including detention and desiltation basins, grated catch basins, drainage ditches and storm drain pipelines.

SANDAG proposes modifications to the Approved Project, including additional slope and drainage improvements, as well as the construction of retaining walls and an access road, within an approximately three-acre area on a slope on the west side of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Blue Line railroad tracks generally between the East Beyer Boulevard overcrossing and north of the San Ysidro Freight Yard main entrance.

## Notice of Determination

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Proposed slope improvements entail the grading of a portion of the slope between the railroad/trolley tracks to the east and residential properties and roadway along Hill Street and East Beyer Boulevard to the west. An approximately three-acre area of the slope would be cleared and graded to create a 2:1 slope. A total of four retaining walls are also proposed in areas where space is restricted to allow for 2:1 slopes. The proposed retaining walls are approximately 83 feet, 85 feet, 84 feet, and 465 feet in length. Proposed drainage improvements include a series of concrete drainage ditches and swales to collect and convey slope drainage into the connected municipal storm drain system. Under existing conditions, slope drainage causes flooding of the adjacent residential properties during storm events and increases the risk of undermining the tracks on top of the slope. Drainage ditches would generally be constructed on the slope behind the top of proposed retaining walls, and drainage swales would generally be constructed at the base of proposed retaining walls. These ditches and swales would lead to inlets, down drains, and storm drain pipelines and connect to existing drainage facilities. An approximately 500-foot-long new maintenance access road would be constructed at the northern end of the site that would extend from the existing gated access road off East Beyer Boulevard. The new access road would be nine feet wide except for the southern portion where it terminates and widens to accommodate vehicle turnaround. The access road would be surfaced with an aggregate base on a compacted subgrade.

SANDAG prepared an addendum to the Final MND/IS (Addendum) for the Approved Project to evaluate environmental impacts of these proposed modifications. The Addendum has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and documents that none of the conditions or circumstances that would require preparation of a subsequent EIR or MND, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164, exists in connection with the proposed modifications. The proposed modifications would not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified impacts. There have been no substantial changes proposed to the Approved Project that would require major revisions to the Final MND/IS due to new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. There have been no substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the Approved Project is undertaken which would require revisions to the Final MND/IS. There is no new information of substantial importance which shows that the Approved Project would have significant environmental effects either not discussed or that would be substantially more severe than discussed in the Final MND/IS.

Additionally, there have been no mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible that would in fact be feasible, nor are there measures or alternatives considerably different than those analyzed in the Final MND/IS that would reduce identified significant impacts. Therefore, preparation of a subsequent EIR or MND is not required, and the appropriate CEQA document for the Proposed Modifications is this Addendum to the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study for the San Ysidro Freight Rail Yard Improvements. No additional environmental analysis or review is required for the proposed modifications.

This is to certify that the Addendum and final MND/IS with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: **401 B Street, Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101.**

Signature (SANDAG):



Title: Keith Greer, Principal Planner / 619-699-7390

Date: July 12, 2022

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.  
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

State of California—The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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SD2011 0156

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2010071032

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SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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## COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

SAN DIEGO

DOCUMENT NUMBER

\*20110051\*

## PROJECT TITLE

SAN YSIDRO FREIGHT RAIL YARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

PHONE NUMBER

619-699-1949

## PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

401 B STREET, SUITE 800

CITY

SAN DIEGO

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

92101

## PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box):

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

## CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report	\$2,839.25	\$	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration	\$2,044.00	\$	\$2,044.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board Only)	\$850.00	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Projects Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs	\$985.50	\$	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Administrative Fee	\$50.00	\$	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Project that is exempt from fees			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption			
<input type="checkbox"/> DFG No Effect Determination (Form Attached)			
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