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Notice of Exemption
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CEQA Guidelines

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From: (Public Agency)
San Diego Unified Port District
Planning & Green Port
3165 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

Project Title: Installation and Use of Three Floating Barges to Accommodate Commercial Fishing Equipment at G-Street Fishing Terminal

Project Location – Specific: Tuna Harbor Basin

Project location – City: San Diego

Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project seeks to install and use three floating barges at G-Street Fishing Terminal to accommodate heavy commercial fishing equipment that is contributing to the rapid deterioration of the commercial fishing infrastructure at the Tuna Harbor Basin. Each barge is 540 square feet (12 feet by 45 feet) and made of monolithic concrete modules with galvanized steel rods and stainless-steel inserts. The proposed project includes the manufacturing, delivery, installation, and use of the barges. The use of the barges to store the heavy commercial fishing equipment would preserve the existing commercial fishing infrastructure and relieve the stress created by the heavy freezers and other associated equipment placed on the dock infrastructure at Tuna Harbor Basin. The barges would be located within existing vacant slips within the Tuna Harbor Basin, and would be movable to meet the needs of the commercial fishermen.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego Unified Port District (SDUPD)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dan Valentine, Maritime, San Diego Unified Port District, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101, (619) 686-6371

Exempt Status: (Check one): ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☒ Categorical Exemption:
☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt: The project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and/or 15311 (Accessory Structures) and Sections 3.a (1), 3.c (1)(2), and/or 3.f of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* because the proposed project involves the placement of three floating barges, which are accessory structures, that would be used to accommodate heavy commercial fishing equipment that is presently stored on the adjacent existing floating dock network and would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. Sections 3.a (1), 3.c (1)(2), and 3.i(1) of the District's CEQA Guidelines are as follows:

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3.a. Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1): Includes operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to:

- (1) Repair maintenance or minor alteration of existing mooring facilities, floats, piers, piles, wharves, bulkhead, revetment, buoys, or similar structures; marine terminal facilities; airport facilities; and commercial industrial or recreational facilities.

3.c. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (SG § 15303) (Class 3): Includes construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and conversion of existing small structures from one use to another with minor modifications to the exterior of the structure. Examples of this exemption include:

- (1) Commercial, industrial, recreational and marine-oriented mooring facilities or structures if designed for an occupant load of 30 persons or less, if not constructed in conjunction with the building of two or more such structures. In urbanized areas, the exemption also applies to commercial buildings on sites zoned for such use, if designed for an occupant load of 30 persons or less if not constructed in conjunction with the building of four or more such structures, and if not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances.
- (2) Accessory (appurtenant) structures and mechanical equipment including, but not limited to, garages, sheds, railway spur tracks, pilings, temporary trailers, industrial equipment enclosures, fences, parking, on-site roadways, walkways and health and safety devices.

AND/OR

3.f. Accessory Structures (SG § 15311) (Class 11): Includes construction, or placement of minor structures accessory or (appurtenant to) existing facilities including:

- (1) Construction or placement of minor mooring facilities, floats, buoys or similar structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.

Lead Agency Contact Person and telephone number: Maggie Weber, 619-686-6598

Signature: Maggie Weber **Date:** 4-10-19 **Title:** Senior Planner

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
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