

**Notice of Exemption**

CEQA Guidelines Appendix E

**To:** ■ Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

■ San Diego County Recorder/County Clerk  
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260  
San Diego, CA 92101-2480

**From:** (Public Agency)  
San Diego Unified Port District  
Development Services Department  
3165 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Project Title:** Agreements with Wood Environment, Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., Dudek, and Weston Solutions for As-Needed Environmental Analytical Services

**Project Location – Specific:** Various parcels on Tidelands

**Project location – City:** San Diego, Coronado, National City, Chula Vista, and Imperial Beach

**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The proposed project is the issuance of new agreements between San Diego Unified Port District (District) and Wood Environment, Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., Dudek, and Weston Solutions consulting firms to provide as-needed environmental analytical services at various District locations. The agreements propose a total aggregate amount of \$1,500,000 for a term commencing in February 2020 through July 31, 2023. Services may include but are not limited to: technical assistance with the Jurisdictional Runoff Management Program's (JRMP) education and outreach program, commercial and industrial facility inspections, stormwater conveyance system inspections, and development/ redevelopment project review; monitoring and technical support for the Shelter Island Yacht Basin Copper Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and the Shelter Island Shoreline Park Bacteria TMDL; technical assistance with Investigative Orders issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB); technical assistance with the development and implementation of the District's compliance plan to address state-wide trash stormwater regulations; technical assistance on updates to the Marine Terminals Stormwater Program and program assessment; dry and wet weather stormwater sampling and analysis; and monitoring and technical support for Blue Economy Incubator Program and Aquaculture projects.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Stephanie Bauer, Senior Environmental Specialist, Environmental Protection, Planning and Green Port, San Diego Unified Port District, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101 619-686-6200

**Exempt Status:** (Check one):

**FILED**

Ernest J Dronenburg, Jr. Recorder County Clerk

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- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ **Categorical Exemptions: Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1), Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4), Information Collection (SG § 15306) (Class 6), Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources (SG § 15307) (Class 7), and Actions by Regulatory Agency for Protection of the Environment (SG § 15308) (Class 8)**
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number:

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** Based upon the above description, the project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), 15306 (Information Collection), 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agency for Protection of the Environment) and Sections 3.a (7), 3.a (12), 3.d, 3.f, 3.g, and 3.h of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* because the proposed project is agreements for environmental analytical services that would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, no permanent effects of the environment, provide data collection, research, resource evaluation activities, and potentially responding to requests from regulatory agencies which would not result in a serious or

major disturbance to an environmental resource. Sections 3.a (7), 3.a (12), 3.d, 3.f, 3.g, and 3.h of District's CEQA Guidelines are as follows:

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

(7) Existing facilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility service; and

(12) Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs.

AND/OR

- 3.d. Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4): Includes minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation not involving removal of mature, scenic trees.

AND/OR

- 3.f. Information Collection (SG § 15306) (Class 6): Includes basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which has not yet been approved, adopted, or funded.

AND/OR

- 3.g. Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources (SG § 15307) (Class 7): Includes actions taken by regulatory agencies to assure the maintenance, restoration or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment. Construction activities are not included in this exemption.

AND/OR

- 3.h. Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment (SG § 15308) (Class 8): Includes actions taken by regulatory agencies to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment. Construction activities and relaxation of standards allowing environmental degradation are not included in this exemption.

**Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number:** *Maggie Weber, (619) 686-6598*

**Signature:** *Maggie Weber* **Date:** *2.12.20* **Title:** Senior Planner

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency  
☐ Signed by Applicant

**Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk:**

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

**FEB 12 2020**

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

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San Diego County on FEB 12 2020

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Deputy **K. Ortiz**



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

**2020 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**

DFW 753.5a (Rev. 12/10/19) Previously DFG 753.5a

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| RECEIPT                                    |
| 37-2020- 0116                              |
| STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable) |
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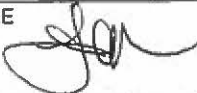
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| LEAD AGENCY   | LEAD AGENCY EMAIL                        | DATE   |
| SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT   | --                                       | 02/12/2020   |
| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING   | DOCUMENT NUMBER                          |  |
| San Diego County  | *2020-0116*                              |  |
| PROJECT TITLE   |  |  |
| AGREEMENTS WITH WOOD ENVIRONMENTAL, INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS, INC. DUDEK, AD WESTON SOLUTIONS FOR AS-NEEDED ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYTICAL SERVICES |  |  |
| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME  | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL                  | PHONE NUMBER   |
| SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT, STEPHANIE BAUER  | --                                       | (619) 686-6200   |
| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS   | CITY                                     | STATE  |
| 3165 PACIFIC HIGHWAY  | SAN DIEGO                                | CA   |
|   |  | ZIP CODE   |
|   |  | 92101  |
| PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Public Agency  | <input type="checkbox"/> School District | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Special District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency   | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Entity  |  |

## CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

|   |            |    |         |
|---|------------|----|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$3,343.25 | \$ |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)   | \$2,406.75 | \$ |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)  | \$1,136.50 | \$ |         |
| <br>  |            |    |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee  |            |    |         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)  |            |    |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  |            |    |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)                   |            |    |         |
| <br>  |            |    |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00   | \$ |         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |            | \$ | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |            | \$ |         |

## PAYMENT METHOD:

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| SIGNATURE   | AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE |
| X  | San Diego County K.ORTIZ, Deputy        |

