

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY and NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT a MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION for the NASSCO FLOATING DRY DOCK REPLACEMENT AND WATERFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (UPD #MND-2020-098)

Notice is hereby given that the **San Diego Unified Port District (District)**, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared, and plans to adopt, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the NASSCO Floating Dry Dock Replacement and Waterfront Improvement Project (project). The Draft MND is available for a 30-day public review period. This notice is to notify agencies and members of the public that may be interested in the project as to the availability of, and the procedures for, public review and comment on the Draft MND.

Project Title: NASSCO Floating Dry Dock Replacement and Waterfront Improvement Project (UPD

#MND-2020-098)

Project Applicant: General Dynamics-NASSCO

Project Location: 2798 East Harbor Drive, San Diego, California 92113 in San Diego County

Project Description Summary: The proposed project is the repair, maintenance, and replacement of certain existing in-water facilities within the project site used in the repair of military and other vessels. A Non-appealable Coastal Development Permit is required to implement the proposed project. Specifically, the removal and replacement of the existing floating dry dock and supporting infrastructure, demolition of the old and construction of a new Repair Complex Wharf, repair of the quay wall and revetments along identified stretches of shoreline, and as-needed programmatic repair or replacement of selected structural support piles throughout the project site. There would be no increase in operational capacity following completion of the proposed project. Construction of the floating dry dock, Repair Complex Wharf, and quay wall is expected to begin early 2023 and be completed in 2025. As-needed pile replacement/repairs would occur periodically from 2025 to 2034.

Proposed Findings: The Environmental Initial Study Checklist analyzes potentially significant environmental effects of the proposed project. The analysis indicates the proposed project may negatively affect air quality; biological resources; geology and soils; hazards and hazardous materials; and hydrology and water quality. The Draft MND finds that the proposed project, with the incorporation of mitigation measures, will avoid potentially significant effects on the environment.

Availability of the Draft MND: The Draft MND, and all documents referenced, are available for public review during normal business hours at the San Diego Unified Port District Office of the District Clerk, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101-1128. The Draft MND is also available for review at the San Diego Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92101 and the San Diego Logan Heights Branch Library, 567 S. 28th online Street, San Diego, CA 92113. The Draft MND viewed https://www.portofsandiego.org/public-records/port-updates/notices-disclosures/cega-documents.

Public Comments: The Draft MND is available for a minimum 30-day public review period that starts on Thursday, April 28 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Comment letters stating specific environmental concerns with the Draft MND should be mailed to: San Diego Unified Port District, Attn: Megan Hamilton, Development Services Department, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101-1128 or emailed to mhamilton@portofsandiego.org. **Comments are due at 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2022.**

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