Notice of Exemption

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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92108

Project Title: SWYC Routine Maintenance Dredging Project

Project Applicant: Southwestern Yacht Club

Project Location – Specific: 2702 Qualtrough Street, San Diego, CA 92106 within the Shelter Island Yacht Basin in San Diego Bay. Dredge site is at latitude 32.713598, longitude -117.234881 and beach nourishment site is at latitude 32.709265, longitude -117.236766

Project Location – City: San Diego Project Location: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project purpose is to conduct routine annual dredging over the next 10 years at the Hoist and Junior Sailing Area to restore and maintain a baseline depth necessary for launch, docking, and navigation of small boats, restore docks displaced by shoaling to be returned to their designed configuration, and reuse the dredge material for beach nourishment at La Playa Beach, located at the foot of Lawrence Street. The project proposes to dredge up to 2,000 cubic yards per year of sandy marine sediment to a -5 foot depth mean lower low water (MLLW), which includes a 1-foot overdredge allowance, from a 0.15 acre area at the marina along 200 feet of shoreline. The dredged material will be discharged to a 0.30 acre area along 400 feet of shoreline at La Playa Beach located less than 2,000 feet south of the dredge site to nourish the existing beach, which will provide benefits, such as aquatic resource habitat, recreation, and property protection. Order No. R9-2023-0083 for Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements authorizes the proposed project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Persons or Agency Carrying Out Project: Glenn Mueller, Staff Commodore

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)).
- X Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: <u>Class 1, Section 15301 and</u>

Class 4, Section 15304

Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt: The project consists of periodic maintenance dredging that will not result in an expansion of the existing water use area or facilities and minor alteration in the condition of land/water where the dredge material will be beneficially reused for beach nourishment in an area authorized by state and federal agencies. No healthy, mature, scenic trees will be removed as a result of the project.

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
- 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? _Yes or No

Signature:

Title: Executive Officer, San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

 X Signed by Responsible Agency
 Date received for filing at OPR:

 Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resource Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resource Code.