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Notice of Preparation

June 19, 2019

To: Reviewing Agencies
Re: Wetland Mitigation Bank at Pond 20 and Port Master Plan Amendment
SCH# 2019060167

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Wetland Mitigation Bank at Pond 20 and Port Master Plan Amendment draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

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San Diego Unified Port District
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San Diego, CA 92101

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research at state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project on our website: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019060167/2>.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

cc: Lead Agency

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SCH #

Project Title: Wetland Mitigation Bank at Pond 20 and Port Master Plan Amendment

Lead Agency: San Diego Unified Port District (SDUPD) Contact Person: Ashley Wright, Senior Planner
Mailing Address: 3165 Pacific Highway Phone: (619)686-6549
City: San Diego Zip: 92101 County: San Diego

Project Location: County: San Diego City/Nearest Community: San Diego
Cross Streets: Palm Ave. (State Route 75) between 13th Street and Otay Valley Regional Park Zip Code: 92154
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 32 0 35 ' 10.30" N / 117 0 6 ' 9.67" W Total Acres: ~95 Acres
Assessor's Parcel No.: n/a Section: Twp.: Range: Base:
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-5, SR-75 Waterways: San Diego Bay; Otay River, Nestor Creek
Airports: NOLF- Imperial Beach Railways: SD Metro Transit Sys. Schools: St. Charles, Bayside Ele.

Document Type:

CEQA: [X] NOP [] Draft EIR NEPA: [] NOI Other: [] Joint Document
[] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [] EA [] Final Document
[] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [] FONSI
[] Mit Neg Dec Other:

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Local Action Type:

[] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [X] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [X] Master Plan [] Prezone [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [X] Use Permit [X] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [X] Other: Port Master Plan

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Development Type:

[] Residential: Units Acres
[] Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Educational:
[] Recreational:
[] Water Facilities: Type MGD
[] Transportation: Type
[] Mining: Mineral
[] Power: Type MW
[] Waste Treatment: Type MGD
[] Hazardous Waste: Type
[X] Other: Creation of a Wetlands Mitigation Bank

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[X] Aesthetic/Visual [] Fiscal [] Recreation/Parks [X] Vegetation
[] Agricultural Land [X] Flood Plain/Flooding [] Schools/Universities [X] Water Quality
[X] Air Quality [] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [] Septic Systems [X] Water Supply/Groundwater
[X] Archeological/Historical [X] Geologic/Seismic [X] Sewer Capacity [X] Wetland/Riparian
[X] Biological Resources [] Minerals [X] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [] Growth Inducement
[X] Coastal Zone [X] Noise [X] Solid Waste [X] Land Use
[X] Drainage/Absorption [] Population/Housing Balance [X] Toxic/Hazardous [X] Cumulative Effects
[] Economic/Jobs [X] Public Services/Facilities [X] Traffic/Circulation [X] Other: GHG, Energy, Tribes

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

City of San Diego: Park, Open Space & Recreation

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The project includes two primary components: (1) project-level environmental evaluation for the creation of a wetland mitigation bank within the District-owned portion of Pond 20, which was historically used as a salt evaporation pond (Bank Parcel); and (2) program-level environmental evaluation of the incorporation of Parcels A, B, and C into the District's Port Master Plan (PMP), and assign land use designations to the project site. The District is proposing a PMP amendment to incorporate the Bank Parcel into the District's PMP, and assign a land use designation of "wetlands." Parcels A, B, and C are District-owned property; however, currently these areas are not formally incorporated into the PMP. Parcels A, B, and C are located immediately adjacent to Pond 20, and would be assigned a "commercial recreation" and/or "wetlands" land use designation.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date June 20, 2019 Ending Date July 22, 2019

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 6/19/19

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.