

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: San Joaquin
44 N San Joaquin St #260
Stockton, CA 95202

From: (Public Agency): Lead CEQA Agency
Port of Stockton
P.O. Box 2089 Stockton, CA 95201
(Address)

Project Title: Port of Stockton Cyanobacteria Harmful Algal Bloom Dredging Project

Project Applicant: Port of Stockton

Project Location - Specific:

In McLeod Lake near the Stockton Downtown Marina. Latitude: 37.953889, Longitude: -121.295833

Project Location - City: Stockton, CA Project Location - County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project aims to use maintenance dredging in a targeted way: to physically remove the cyanobacteria stock resting in sediment before they rise into the water and form blooms. By dredging approximately 55,000 cy of sediment from the Stockton Waterfront, where the highest concentrations of cyanobacteria and nutrients have been found, researchers expect to reduce the intensity of future blooms and improve water quality.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Stockton

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jason Cashman

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: Class 4, Section 15304: Minor Alterations to Land, type g
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project work consists of sediment dredging in the Stockton waterfront with the placement of dredged materials to occur at an existing dredged material placement site location owned by the Port of Stockton. The project would not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, expand upon existing uses, and is not barred by any exceptions identified in CEQA Guidelines 15300.2.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jason Cashman Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-946-0246

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 No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 04/21/2026 Title: Director of Environmental Affairs

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

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