

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: San Joaquin

44 N San Joaquin St #280

Stockton, California 95202

From: (Public Agency): Port of Stockton

315 Fyffe Avenue

Stockton, California 95203

(Address)

Project Title: Port of Stockton Rail Improvement Project - Acquisition of right of way and slope easements

Project Applicant: Port of Stockton

Project Location - Specific:

707 & 717 South Ventura Street and 2025 West Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, CA

Project Location - City: Stockton

Project Location - County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

As part of long-term planning efforts to improve rail infrastructure and prepare for future growth, the Port of Stockton Replacement Bridge and Rail Improvements Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was adopted 9/21/2021 (Rail Infrastructure Project). As part of the rail enhancements, the acquisition of certain Right of Way and Easements (ROW) from private property owners is required. Acquisition must be completed prior to the initiation of the Rail Improvements Project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Stockton

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Port Stockton

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));

☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____

☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) "Common Sense Exemption"

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of acquiring right-of-way and slope easements. The acquisition is a transactional action that will not result in a physical change to the environment. Environmental effects of the Rail Improvements Project were evaluated in the previously adopted IS/MND. The project is therefore exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3), Common Sense Exemption.

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: 10/21/25 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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