



## United States Department of the Interior

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex  
1080 Gunpowder Point Drive  
Chula Vista, California 91910



*Sent Electronically*

January 18, 2022

Courtney Pesce  
Regional Planner II  
San Diego Association of Governments  
401 B Street, Suite 800  
San Diego, CA 92101

Subject: Letter of Permission for the Port of San Diego

Dear Ms. Pesce:

The San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Refuge) confirms that the Port of San Diego has our permission to work on the D Street Fill of the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge-Sweetwater Marsh Unit as proposed in their Threat Reduction Stewardship Grant Application to the San Diego Association of Governments.

The Refuge and the Port jointly own and cooperatively manage the natural resources at the D Street Fill, as described in the San Diego Bay Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (U.S. Navy and Port of San Diego 2013) and San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2006). The Refuge and Port staff and contractors for both agencies regularly access the D Street Fill to conduct maintenance and monitoring activities. Management of the D Street Fill include site preparation, debris removal, vegetation control, weed management, avian monitoring, predator management, and other activities proposed in the Port's Threat Reduction Stewardship Grant Application.

Should you have any questions, please contact Brian Collins, Refuge Manager at 575-2704 ext. 302 or [brian\\_collins@fws.gov](mailto:brian_collins@fws.gov).

Sincerely,

Andrew Yuen  
Project Leader