



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of a
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
for the
AUSTAL USA FLOATING DRY DOCK PROJECT
(SCH No. 2024090037)**

Notice is hereby given that the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Austal USA Floating Dry Dock Project (proposed project). The Draft EIR is available for a 45-day public review period. This notice is intended to notify agencies and members of the public that may be interested in the proposed project as to availability of the Draft EIR, and procedures for public review and comment on the Draft EIR.

Project Title: Austal USA Floating Dry Dock Project (SCH 2024090037)

Project Applicant: Austal USA

Project Location: 1313 Bay Marina Drive, National City, CA 91950 in San Diego County.

Project Description Summary: The proposed project entails constructing and operating a floating dry dock (FDD) at the Austal USA facility located on San Diego Bay in National City, California. The objective of the proposed project is to help the Navy address a projected shortfall of dry dock space at Navy Base San Diego by adding a new FDD to support operations at a location adjacent to NBSD. The proposed project would support governmental and commercial vessels in San Diego Bay by providing full docking availabilities for vessels up to 500 feet long. Proposed project construction activities would occur over a period of approximately 8 weeks and require up to 20 workers per day. These activities would include: constructing a concrete wharf supported by octagonal concrete piles in the water, installing two mooring dolphins; and moving the FDD from its current temporary location to its permanent moored location. Operation of the proposed project would require up to 130 new workers to be on site during vessel availabilities (that is, when a vessel is in the FDD). The FDD would service up to four vessels per year. Vessel availabilities are expected to be from 1 to 6 months in duration. Proposed project operational activities include: vessel repair and maintenance activities in the FDD; FDD evolutions (that is, raising and lowering the FDD) that would occur up to four times per year; routine maintenance of the FDD; vessel repair and maintenance activities at the Austal



USA facility's existing South Pier; and maintaining site-wide emergency engine system consisting of portable diesel-powered emergency engines.

Probable Environmental Effects: The Draft EIR analyzes potential environmental effects of the project related to: Aesthetics; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Energy; Geology/Soils; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology/Water Quality; Noise; Population and Housing; Public Services; Transportation/Traffic; Tribal Cultural Resources; Utilities/Service Systems; and Cumulative Impacts. The project would not occur on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Availability of Draft EIR: The Draft EIR is available for public review during normal business hours at the SDAPCD Office at 10124 Old Grove Road, San Diego, CA 92131. The Draft EIR can be viewed online at:

<https://www.sdapcd.org/content/sdapcd/planning/ceqa.html>

Public Comments on the Draft EIR: The Draft EIR is available for a 45-day public review period that starts on April 29, 2025 and ends on June 12, 2025. Comment letters stating specific environmental concerns with the Draft EIR should be mailed to: San Diego Air Pollution Control District, Attn: Eric Luther, 10124 Old Grove Road, San Diego, CA 92131 or emailed to eric.luther@sdapcd.org. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2025.

Public Meeting: A public meeting to solicit comments on the Draft EIR is scheduled for May 27th at 5:00pm at the Portside Community Steering Committee meeting. The meeting will be virtual via Zoom. To register for the Zoom meeting please access this link:

<https://kearnswest.zoom.us/meeting/register/YmPKVqxnTDyM8hPCU9G0vA#/registration>

A Spanish translator will be available to assist attendees.

Date: 4/30/2025

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