

FILE NUMBER: 2025-106

DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: National Public Works Week, May 18-24, 2025

DESCRIPTION: Resolution Proclaiming Support of National Public Works Week, May 18th-24th, 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Since 1960, the American Public Works Association (APWA) has sponsored National Public Works Week (NPWW). NPWW is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America whose work focuses on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people. Across the nation, NPWW pays tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees; and recognizes the substantial contributions they make to protect our national health, safety, and quality of life. This year NPWW will be celebrated May 18-24, 2025. The week seeks to increase public awareness of the contributions as well as to enlighten the public about the duties, practices, and goals of public works professionals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution proclaiming support of National Public Works Week, May 18-24, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact caused by approval of this action.

COMPASS STRATEGIC GOALS:

This agenda item supports the following Strategic Goal(s).

- A thriving and modern maritime seaport.
- A vibrant waterfront destination where residents and visitors converge.
- A Port with a healthy and sustainable bay and its environment.
- A Port that is a safe place to visit, work and play.

DISCUSSION:

Since 1960, American Public Works Association (APWA) has sponsored National Public Works Week (NPWW). NPWW is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America whose work focuses on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people. Across the nation, NPWW challenges everyone to think about the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities.

The San Diego Unified Port District wishes to show its support for the APWA. The APWA has selected "**People, Purpose, Presence**" as its theme for 2025's NPWW, which will be celebrated May 18-24, 2025 (See Attachment A). According to the APWA:

The "People, Purpose, Presence" not only describes the theme of the 2025 National Public Works Week poster but encapsulates the qualities that public works professionals bring to their jobs every day. Communities may not take much notice of the dedication of public works professionals because they just quietly do their jobs without fanfare. Yet, public works is always there, working behind the scenes to advance the quality of life for all.

Staff recommends the Board adopt the resolution in support of National Public Works Week.

General Counsel's Comments:

The Office of the General Counsel has reviewed this staff report and the attachment as presented to it and approves them as to form and legality.

Environmental Review:

The proposed Board action, including without limitation a resolution proclaiming support for National Public Works Week, does not constitute a project under the definition set forth in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378 because there is not a potential to result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, the proposed Board action is not subject to CEQA and no further action under CEQA is required.

The proposed Board action complies with Section 21 and 35 of the Port Act which allow for the Board to pass resolutions and to do all acts necessary and convenient for the exercise of its powers. The Port Act was enacted by the California Legislature and is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. Consequently, the proposed Board action is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine.

The proposed Board action does not allow for development, as defined in Section 30106 of the California Coastal Act, or new development, pursuant to Section 1.a. of the District's Coastal Development Permit Regulations. Therefore, issuance of a Coastal Development Permit or an exclusion finding is not required.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program:

This agenda sheet has no direct impact on District workforce or contract reporting at this time.

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Attachment(s):

Attachment A: 2025 National Public Works Week Poster