

FILE NUMBER: 2025-224

DATE: Tuesday, December 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Reappointing Taylor Samuelson to the San Diego Unified Port District Audit Oversight Committee for a Second Term of Three Years Duration Commencing March 15, 2026

DESCRIPTION: Resolution Reappointing Taylor Samuelson to the SDUPD AOC for a Second Term of Three Years Duration Commencing March 15, 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On March 14, 2023, the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) appointed Taylor Samuelson to the Audit Oversight Committee (AOC) for a three-year term beginning March 15, 2023. Mr. Samuelson's term is scheduled to conclude on March 15, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution reappointing Taylor Samuelson to the San Diego Unified Port District Audit Oversight Committee for a second term of three years duration, commencing March 15, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This agenda has no fiscal impact

COMPASS STRATEGIC GOALS:

The appointment of public members to the Audit Oversight Committee supports the District's Strategic Goals by promoting accountability and transparency throughout the District. This agenda item supports the following Strategic Goal(s):

- A Port that the public understands and trusts.

DISCUSSION:

The AOC comprises five members—two representatives from the BPC and three public members.

On March 14, 2023, the BPC appointed Taylor Samuelson as a public member of the AOC for a three-year term beginning March 15, 2023. Mr. Samuelson brings a strong background in public administration and financial accountability, holding a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from California State University, Fullerton, as well as professional certifications in Financial Accounting and Grant Writing.

General Counsel's Comments:

The Office of the General Counsel has reviewed and approved this agenda and draft resolution, as presented, as to form and legality.

Environmental Review:

The proposed Board action, including without limitation adopting a resolution reappointing Taylor Samuelson to the San Diego Unified Port District Audit Oversight Committee for a second term of three years duration commencing March 15, 2026, 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 allows 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:

Not applicable.

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