



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: July 24, 2024

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

## ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

### ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. B-21145.02.06 (S), B-21146.02.06 (W)

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Sewer and AC Water Group 1032 A

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** San Ysidro

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 8

**LOCATION:** : The project occurs on existing, developed City public right-of-way (ROW), City easements, and Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) right-of-way at the following locations: Mt Carmel Drive, Alaquinas Drive, Beyer Boulevard, North Lane, Cottonwood Road, Foothill Road, Smythe Road, Seaward Avenue, West Park Avenue, Cypress Drive, East Park Avenue, Pepper Drive, Tennie Street, Blanche Street, Sanger Place, San Ysidro Boulevard, an easement midblock on San Ysidro Boulevard, between Averil Road and Alverson Road, and an easement midblock on San Ysidro Boulevard, between Alverson Road and Smythe Avenue.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project proposes water and sewer improvements including the open-trench replacement of both approximately 9,666 linear feet (1.83 miles) of existing vitrified clay (VC) sewer mains and approximately 7,214 linear feet (1.37 miles) of existing asbestos cement (AC) sewer mains with new polyvinyl chloride (PVC) water and sewer mains. Approximately 400 linear feet (0.08 miles) of existing sewer and water mains within the vicinity of MTS trolley tracks will be replaced using trenchless methods. In addition, approximately 2041 linear feet (0.38 miles) of existing VC and PVC sewer main as well as approximately 3,541 linear feet (0.67 miles) of existing AC water mains will be abandoned. New sewer laterals, manholes, sewer cleanouts, fire hydrants, and other related water and sewer appurtenances will be installed.

The project also proposes street improvements including approximately 3 miles of street resurfacing, the replacement and installation of curb ramps, and the installation of cross gutters.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Sections 15301(b) and (c) (Existing Facilities), 15302 (c) (Replacement or Reconstruction), and 15303 (d) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego Engineering & Capital Projects Department

**STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review which determined that the project meets the categorical exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301 (b) and (c) (Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for the maintenance and minor alteration of existing public structures involving negligible or no expansion of use, such as the maintenance or abandonment of existing sewer and water mains and the repaving of existing roads; Section 15302 (c) (Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for the replacement of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity, such as both the trenchless and open-trench replacement of existing sewer and water mains as well as the replacement of their related appurtenances, existing curb ramps, and cross gutters; Section 15303 (d) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), which allows for the construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, such as the installation of curb ramps and cross gutters; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply. The project will implement paleontological resources monitoring for grading activities in accordance with San Diego Municipal Code Section 142.0151.

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On July 24, 2024, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determinations made by staff to the City Council must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice July 31, 2024. Appeal procedures are described in Information Bulletin 505 (<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf>). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed by email or in person as follows:

- 1) Appeals filed via E-mail: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. Send the completed appeal application form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to [Hearings1@sandiego.gov](mailto:Hearings1@sandiego.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. You must separately mail the appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: City Clerk/Appeal, MS 2A, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The appeal filing fee must be United States Postal Service (USPS) postmarked within five (5) business days of the date the appeal is filed.

- 2) Appeals filed in person: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. Deposit the fully completed appeal application (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building – Public Information Counter (Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding City-approved holidays), 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the appeal period. The completed appeal form shall include the required appeal fee, with a check payable to: City Treasurer. Please include the project name on the memo line of the check/money order. This Drop-Off Box is checked daily, and payments are processed the following business day.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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