

Date of Notice: July 26, 2024

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME: Maintenance Services Agreement for the Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Mira Mesa

COUNCIL DISTRICT: District 6

LOCATION: The boundaries of Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) are shown in Exhibit A, Mira Mesa MAD Boundary Location (Exhibit A).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed agreement between Aztec Landscaping, Inc. (contractor) and the City of San Diego is to perform complete landscape and hardscape maintenance and improvements for the Mira Mesa MAD. The Mira Mesa MAD improvements and activities generally consist of maintenance and servicing of the Mira Mesa Branch Library landscaped and hardscaped areas, landscaped street medians (with ground cover, trees, and shrubs), hardscaped street medians (including a pedestrian bridge), irrigated and non-irrigated landscaped rights-of-way (with ground cover, trees, and shrubs), brow ditches, sidewalks, gutters, curbs and, slopes adjacent to rights-of-way (exclusively in Zone 3). The scope of work for this agreement includes but is not limited to the following: irrigation, pruning, shaping and training of trees, shrubs, turf, and groundcover plants; fertilization; litter control; weed control; control of all plant diseases and pests; mowing; edging; turf renovation and aeration; sweeping; irrigation maintenance; and all other maintenance required to maintain the contract sites included in this agreement in a safe, attractive and useable condition and to maintain the plant material in good condition with horticulturally acceptable growth and color. Upon written approval from the City, the contractor may also perform additional as-needed miscellaneous projects within the MAD, including, but not limited to: planting and replanting areas, installing and repairing irrigation systems, bee nest removals, clean up of illegal dumps or transient camps, and assisting with special event site preparation. The Mira Mesa MAD contains some areas adjacent to (less than approximately 50 feet) of the City's Multiple-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA). Maintenance activities proposed adjacent to the MHPA will occur within the ROW and will not encroach onto the MHPA. Additionally, any proposed maintenance work that occurs adjacent or within the MHPA will only use hand tools and will not impact any native vegetation or sensitive species or habitats. No work will occur within bird nesting season. No nighttime work is proposed as a part of this agreement.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee.

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would not apply in that no cumulative impacts were identified; no significant effects on the environment were identified; the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway; no historical resources would be affected by the action; and the project was not identified on a list of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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On July 26, 2024, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to CEQA. This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Contact listed above.

Applications to appeal the CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed with the Office of the Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (August 2, 2024). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

- 1. <u>Appeals filed via Email</u>: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form <u>DS-3031</u>can be obtained at https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf. Send the completed appeal form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to hearings1@sandiego.gov by 5:00p.m. on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 business 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 before or on the final date of the appeal.
- 2. <u>Appeals filed In-Person:</u> The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form <u>DS-3031</u> can be obtained at: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf. Bring the fully completed appeal application <u>DS-3031</u> (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building— Public Information Counter (Open 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday excluding City approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00pm 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.

The appeal application can also be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

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

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