



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**Date of Notice:** October 24, 2024

# **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

## **ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT**

WBS No. B-20123.02.06

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**PROJECT NAME:** Gatewood Hills Pump Station

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Rancho Bernardo

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 5

**LOCATION:** Work will occur on City right-of-way and City easements at Abra Drive and the driveway at 13024 Abra Drive, San Diego, CA 92128.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project will demolish and replace the existing pump station and its appurtenances with an improved configuration. The demolition will involve the clearing and grading of a landscaped hillside composed of artificial fill as well as the removal of the existing pump station building, retaining walls, surge tank, utility lines, electric transformer, and paved concrete driveway. The replacement pump station will include revegetation of the landscaped hillside and the construction of a new pump station building, retaining walls, parking stalls, surge protection system, emergency power system, pump control system, utility lines, paved asphalt concrete driveway, and stormwater drainage ditches.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Sections 15301(a), (b), and (c) (Existing Facilities); 15302 (c) (Replacement or Reconstruction); 15303 (d) and (e) (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); and 15304 (b) and (f) (Minor Alterations to Land)

**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(a) and (b) (Existing Facilities), which allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, and minor alteration to existing public facilities and topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, such as the grading

of an artificial hillside, the removal of the existing pump station, and repaving of an existing driveway with asphalt concrete; Section 15302 (c) (Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for the reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, such as the replacement of the existing pump station with a new, reconfigured pump station and the replacement of existing utility lines with new utility lines; Section 15303 (d) and (e) (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new equipment or small structures, such as the installation of new parking stalls, control systems, electrical systems, and stormwater drainage ditches; Section 15304 (b) and (f) (Minor Alterations to Land), which allows for the minor public alteration in the condition of land which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, such as the revegetation, grading of landscaped hillside composed of artificial fill, and minor trenching and backfilling required to replace existing utility lines, and grading of the landscaped hillside; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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On October 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 October 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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