

Date of Notice: December 9, 2024

## NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: License Agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS)

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Clairemont Mesa and Linda Vista

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2 and 7

**LOCATION:** 2755 Snead Avenue, San Diego, CA 92111. The License Area is located between Hole 5 and Hole 16 of the Tecolote Canyon Golf Course.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Authorize the Mayor or designee to execute a License Agreement granting the United States Geological Survey (USGS, hereinafter referred to as the "Licensee") the non exclusive use of the designated License Area. The License Area will be used specifically to install, maintain, and repair equipment used to measure water creek flow of the Tecolote Creek which will be used by the City of San Diego's Stormwater Department for monitoring purposes, ensuring compliance with enviornmental regulations, and supporting master planning purposes. The Licensee will install flow/stream gauge equipment, including but not limited to transmitter boxes, rigid conduits, sensors, solar panels, galvanized pipe supports, and antennas, used to monitor and quantify flow in the Tecolote Creek. The conduit will be mounted to the concrete low-flow crossing, while the sensor will be attached to a small drive pin or a T-post, approximately 1-inch in diameter, in the center of the creek. The transmitter box and solar panel, which will be affixed to the transmitter box, will be situated on elevated ground, ensuring they remain unaffected by the creek flooding. The project will comply with the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) Land Use Adjacency Guidelines. The collected flow data will be publicly accessible on the USGS website and available for use by scientific and educational communities.

## ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 (Information Collection).

**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 CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 (Information Collection) which exempts basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. This may strictly be for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which the public agency has not approved, adopted, or funded. 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.

CITY CONTACT: Alexandra Clarke, Property Agent

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On December 9, 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 (**December 16, 2024**). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

- <u>Appeals filed via Email</u>: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form <u>DS-3031</u>can be obtained at <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-</u> <u>services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</u>. Send the completed appeal form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to <u>Hearings1@sandiego.gov</u> by 5:00 p.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.
- <u>Appeals filed In-Person:</u> The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form <u>DS-3031</u> can be obtained at: <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-</u> <u>services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</u>. 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 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding City approved holidays), 1st 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.

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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