



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: December 30, 2024

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS

IO #: 21005633

PROJECT NAME: Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Slope Failure Emergency (Slope Stabilization)

COMMUNITY PLAN AREAS: Peninsula

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

LOCATION: The project is located at the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant, 1902 Gatchell Road, San Diego, CA 92106.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A visual inspection of the PLWWTP facility revealed voids within a brow ditch and a failed slope caused by the January 2024 rain events.

The project will repair and replace sections of the brow ditch and existing retaining wall, stabilize and revegetate the failed slope, and construct a rockfall protection wall to protect the facility from falling debris along the slope. Failure to conduct these repairs and incorporate protective measures increases the likelihood of future flooding and erosion, impacts on essential public facilities, and threatens life and safety. The proposed work is the minimum necessary to stabilize the failed slope and protect and ensure adequate operating capacity at the PLWWTP.

Following completion of work, all areas impacted by the emergency will be restored to their pre-impact condition to the maximum extent feasible, including restoration of any environmentally sensitive habitat impacted by the project. Revegetation of areas disturbed by project work will be completed in accordance with the City's Landscape Standards. A portion of the project is located within the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) and will be required to comply with the City's Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) General Planning Policies and Design Guidelines and Land Use Adjacency Guidelines, as specified in Section 1.4.3 of the MSCP Subarea Plan. A subsequent Site Development Permit (SDP) will be required per Section 143.0126 of the Land Development Code if the emergency work permanently impacts Environmentally Sensitive Lands.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Statute Sections 21080(b)(2) and (4) and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15269(b) and (c) (Emergency Projects).

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

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the project meets the definition of an “Emergency” as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15359 (Emergency) as the project involves a sudden, unexpected occurrence involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services. This emergency repair is required in order to protect public health, safety and property, and is supported by the expert opinion of the City Engineer. Thus, this emergency activity is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Statute Section 21080(b)(2) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b) (Emergency Projects), which exempts emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to public health, safety or welfare. This activity is also statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Statute Section 21080(b)(4) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) (Emergency Projects), which exempts specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

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On December 30, 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 determination to the City Council must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk within ten (10) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (by January 14, 2025). 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 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 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), 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. 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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