



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: January 6, 2025

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

## ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

### ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS

WBS No.: B-25044.02.06

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**PROJECT NAME:** 1655 South 32nd Street Storm Drain Emergency

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Barrio Logan

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 8

**LOCATION:** The project is located within the developed City right-of-way along South 32<sup>nd</sup> Street between Main Street and Wabash Boulevard, and the adjoining property to the east owned by the United States Navy (APN: 550-500-18-00).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** A visual inspection of storm water infrastructure located along an existing utility easement within property owned by the United States Navy and adjacent to the City's right-of-way along South 32<sup>nd</sup> Street between Main Street and Wabash Boulevard revealed a sinkhole that is undermining structural members supporting a 12-inch diameter cast iron (CI) water main along the South 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge deck, and the structural integrity of the adjoining sidewalk and roadway. The sinkhole, measuring approximately 32 feet (L) x 20 feet (W) x 10 feet (D), was caused by a failed 36-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) storm drain that terminates near Chollas Creek.

The project will clear and remove debris within the existing sinkhole; replace in-place approximately 60 linear feet (LF) of 36-inch diameter CMP storm drain with a new 36-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) and construct structural appurtenances to meet engineering standards; reinforce the structural members that support the existing CI water main; and fill the sinkhole to stabilize the adjoining sidewalk and roadway and address safety concerns. The project will also require the construction of structural appurtenances, including a headwall and energy dissipator at the outfall of the new RCP storm drain. Failure to repair the storm drain infrastructure increases the likelihood of flooding, erosion, and structural impacts to the sidewalk, roadway, and the CI water main structural support system. Further erosion also increases the likelihood of water main failure, impacting water utility service levels at the neighboring United States Navy facilities. The proposed work is the minimum necessary to ensure adequate operational capacity of the storm drain and public health and safety.

Following completion of work, all areas impacted by the emergency will be restored to their pre-impact condition, 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 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 January 6, 2025, 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 21, 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](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 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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