

Date of Notice: February 18, 2025

## NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

## **ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT**

WBS No: S-21003.02.06); B-21070.02.06

PROJECT NAME: EMTS NTC Laboratory Remodel and Solar Implementation

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Peninsula** 

**COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2** 

**LOCATION:** The project is located at 2392 Kincaid Road, San Diego, CA 92106.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project will remodel the existing laboratory space to increase its functionality and meet upcoming California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program standards, which include system upgrades, parking lot improvements, and a new approximately 2,000-square-foot building addition. The project will also include the construction of new solar photovoltaic (PV) system carport structures and associated dry utilities within the existing parking lot. Temporary trailers would be used for the duration of the remodel, and those trailers would be located either within the existing parking lot or placed over the existing landscaped areas in front of the laboratory building.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Categorical Exemption: Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

**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, 15301 (Existing Facilities), which allows for the maintenance or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, such as the remodeling of an existing laboratory space and modifications to existing parking lot; and Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures such as the construction of a new laboratory building addition and solar PV system carport structures, and the installation of new temporary trailers; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

CITY PROJECT MANAGER: MAILING ADDRESS: PHONE NUMBER/E-MAIL:

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On February 18, 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 determinations made by staff 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 March 4, 2025). Appeal procedures are described in Information Bulletin 505 (<a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf">https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf</a>). 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 <a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf">https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</a>. Send the completed appeal application form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to <a href="https://enandiego.gov">hearings1@sandiego.gov</a> 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 <a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf">https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</a>. 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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