

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO Date of Notice: March 18, 2025

## NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

## **ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS**

WBS#: B-25086.02.06

**PROJECT NAME:** Pump Station H Force Main Emergency Replacement

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Midway-Pacific Highway

## **COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 2

**LOCATION:** The project is located between Interstate 8 and the San Diego River Bikeway, approximately 1,800 feet east of West Mission Bay Drive.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** A recent inspection of stormwater infrastructure at Pump Station H revealed the failure of an 18-inch diamter force main. The project will replace approximately 13 linear feet (LF) of the failed, 18-inch diameter concrete-lined force main with a new, 18-inch diameter steel force main that will be lined with a fusion-bonded epoxy coating to prevent pipe corrosion.

All permanent repairs will be made within the interior of the pump station structure. Failure to repair the storm drain infrastructure increases the likelihood of flooding and impacts on private property and the public right-of-way. The proposed work is the minimum necessary to ensure adequate operational capacity of the storm drain and public health and safety.

## 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 the loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services, including the repair of significant leaks from spalling and cracking concrete in the dam structure. 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 March 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 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 April 2, 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:

- <u>Appeals filed via E-mail:</u> The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</u>. Send the completed appeal application 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 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) <u>Appeals filed in person</u>: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</u>. 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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