



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: May 3, 2024

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

## ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

### ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. S-14006.02.06

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** El Cuervo Adobe Interpretive Signs & Fence Replacement

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Los Peñasquitos Canyon, adjacent to the Mira Mesa Community Planning Area

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 1

**LOCATION:** The project is located on Assessor's Parcel Number 310-051-0600, near 4496 Sorrento Valley Boulevard, and approximately 450 feet northeast of Sorrento Valley Boulevard via a utility access road.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project will remove and replace in place an existing metal fence surrounding the ruins of the historic El Cuervo Adobe. Excavation would be limited to the existing fence post footings; no disturbance to previously disturbed soils would occur. All work, construction access, and construction staging would occur outside the existing fence perimeter. Two historic interpretive signs discussing the El Cuervo Adobe would be installed and affixed onto the new fence.

The project occurs within the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) and is required to comply with the MHPA Land Use Adjacency Guidelines as specified in Section 1.4.3 of the Multiple Species Conservation Program's (MSCP) Subarea Plan.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Sections 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 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, Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for the replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the

structure replaced, such as replacement of a fence; and Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), which allows for the installation of small new equipment in small structures, such as the installation of interpretive signs; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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On May 3, 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 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, May 17, 2024. 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 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 <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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