



Date of Notice: December 7, 2023

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Carmel Valley Maintenance Assessment District Landscape Maintenance Agreement

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Carmel Valley

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1

LOCATION: The Carmel Valley Landscape Maintenance Assessment District is northeast of the intersection of Interstate 5, and Carmel Valley Road (Highway 56), within the Carmel Valley Community Planning Area (Figure 1).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Agreement between the City of San Diego (City) and Westturf Landscape Management, Inc. (Contractor) to perform complete landscape maintenance and improvements of all contract areas identified in the Scope of Work within the Carmel Valley Maintenance Assessment District (MAD; Figure 1), including, but not limited to the following: irrigation, pruning, shaping, and training of trees, shrubs, turf, and groundcover plants; fertilization; litter control; weed control; control of all plant diseases and pests; mowing; edging; renovation and aeration; sweeping; and all other as-needed maintenance required to maintain the contract areas in a safe, attractive, and useable condition and to maintain the plant material in good condition with horticulturally acceptable growth and color. The Carmel Valley MAD contract areas include landscaped medians, paved medians, landscaped rights-of-way (ROW), landscaped slopes, revegetated native perimeter slopes, dedicated open space areas (natural and enhanced), greenbelts/mini-parks, playgrounds, comfort stations, curbs, gutters, concrete brow ditches, pedestrian easements, asphalt paths, freeway easements, fire stations, and localized lighting features. There are no designated historical trees included in the maintenance area. The proposed MAD contains some areas adjacent to (less than approximately 150 feet) and within the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA), however, all proposed landscaping maintenance activities will occur within the ROW and will not encroach onto the MHPA. Additionally, any proposed maintenance work that occurs adjacent to the MHPA will only use hand tools and will not impact any native vegetation or sensitive species or habitats.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee.

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(h) (Existing Facilities), which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former, including maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs (excluding the use of pesticides, as defined in Section 12753, Division 7, Chapter 2, Food and Agricultural Code); and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations To Land) which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would not apply in that no cumulative impacts were identified; no significant effects on the environment were identified; the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway; no historical resources would be affected by the action; and the project was not identified on a list of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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On December 7, 2023, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to CEQA. This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Contact listed above.

Applications to appeal the CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed with the Office of the Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**December 21, 2023**). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

1. Appeals filed via Email: 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 form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to Hearings1@sandiego.gov by 5:00p.m. on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 business 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 before or on the final date of the appeal.
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>. Bring the fully completed appeal application [DS-3031](#) (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building— Public Information Counter (Open 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday excluding City approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00pm 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.

The appeal application can also be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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Carmel Valley Maintenance Assessment District

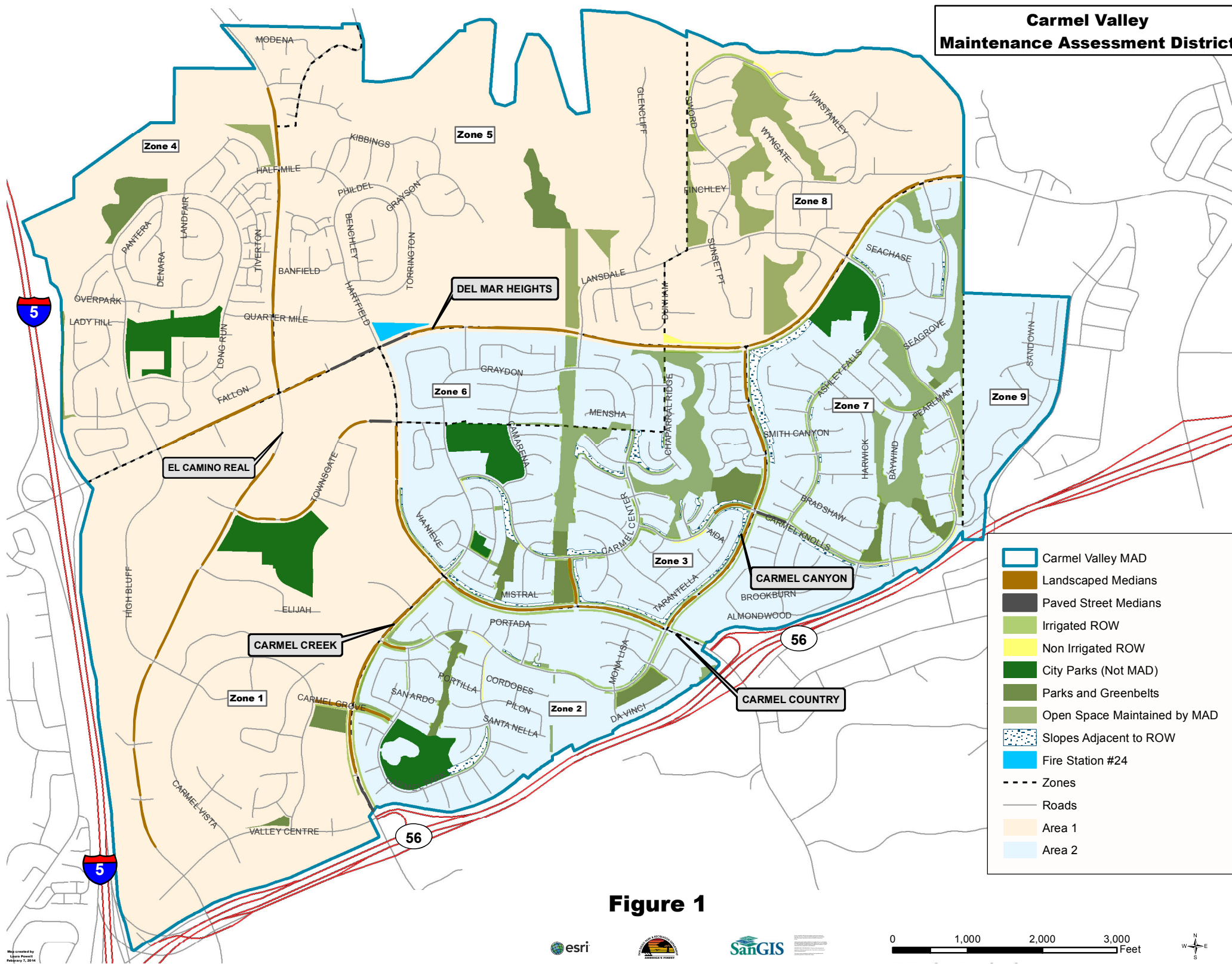


Figure 1