



**Date of Notice:** December 28, 2023

# **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

## **CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Task Order with HDR, Inc. for the Beta Street Improvements Project / WBS No. B-24025

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Southeastern San Diego

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 8

**LOCATION:** The project is within the Southcrest Community and is bounded by South Las Chollas Creek on the north, South 41<sup>st</sup> Street on the east, and Birch Street and Interstate 5 on the west.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This action is for the approval of a task order with HDR, Inc. to provide professional planning, permitting, engineering, and design services for the Beta Street Improvements project (project). This agreement will authorize HDR to complete the preparation of the plans, specifications, and cost estimate (PS&E) for the project. The scope of work for this task order includes project administration services; planning and pre-design services, including concept development, preliminary environmental assessments, and technical reports and plans preparation; site investigations, including data collection, review, and site visits, utility investigations, utility potholing within the public right-of-way along Birch Street, Beta Street, 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Acacia Street, 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Delta Street, Beta Street Alley, and/or Southcrest Trails Neighborhood Park, topographic surveys, and geotechnical and groundwater investigations; design services; environmental review and permitting; outreach; and bid-phase services.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies).

**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 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) which exempts a project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded, does not require the preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration, but does require consideration of environmental factors. The proposed task order will simply facilitate the planning and

design of the Beta Street Improvements project. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15352(a), approval of this task order does not constitute approval of the Beta Street Improvements Project. The Beta Street Improvements Project will be subject to environmental review at a future date in accordance with the City's Land Development Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15004, which provides direction to lead agencies on the appropriate timing for environmental review.

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On December 28, 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 five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**January 5, 2024**). 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@san Diego.gov](mailto:Hearings1@san Diego.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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