



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: January 18, 2024

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS

Internal Order No.: 21005432

PROJECT NAME: Crystal Pier Emergency

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Pacific Beach

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1

LOCATION: The project is located at Crystal Pier, 4500 Ocean Blvd, San Diego, CA 92109.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Storms and high surf have resulted in damages to the Crystal Pier. An investigation was conducted concluding that the westernmost reach of pier (from approximately bent # 27 to bent #51) is closed to public access due to the effects of these storms having severely impacted wooden braces which are critical for structural integrity and public safety. Crystal Pier is also critical for access to water emergencies and medical aids around the pier. Immediate action is required to stabilize the westernmost reach of the pier to its prior state, avoid potential catastrophic failure during future storm events, reopen the closed portion of the pier to the public, and ensure adequate response times for public health and safety.

Substantial damage to the pilings and supporting structure have been observed. This damage has undermined the structural integrity of the pier. The project will replace in-kind deteriorated and missing wooden braces on the westernmost reach of the pier (from approximately bent # 27 to bent #51). Replacement braces will be unpainted, pressure-treated lumber, which matches the existing members, and will also match the size of the existing braces. Metal bolts, washers, nuts fasteners, and other related metal hardware will be used to fix the replacement braces to the pier. All improvements will occur within the footprint of the existing pier structure. Proposed work will be conducted above the water line using temporary scaffolding and construction crews suspended from the pier deck.

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 loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services. 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 January 18, 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 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 February 1, 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 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) 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), 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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