



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: May 24, 2024

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

## ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

### ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. B-20058.02.06

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**PROJECT NAME:** Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park Building Demolition

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Mid-City: Normal Heights

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 9

**LOCATION:** The project is located at 3905 Adams Avenue, San Diego, CA 92116 within the Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project will demolish the existing vacant building and associated footings; paint existing fence; smooth, level, and import top soil to graded area, collect soil samples; remove and cap the existing appurtenant utilities; remove and reinstall the existing bus stop bench; install chain-link fencing with footings; modify and cap appurtenant irrigation lines; clear, grub, and cover the project site with mulch; and remove an existing tree.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301(b) (h) [Existing Facilities]; 15302(c) [Replacement or Reconstruction]; 15303(e) [New Construction of 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 15301 (Existing Facilities) which applies to the maintenance or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, such as demolition of the vacant building, painting of existing fence, smoothing, leveling, and importation of top soil to graded area, tree removal, the removal, capping, and modification of existing irrigation and utility lines, covering site with mulch, and soil sampling;; Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) which allows for the replacement of existing structure where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity,

such as the removal and replacement of a bus stop bench; Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of small new facilities, such as the installation of fencing; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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On May 24, 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 five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice June 3, 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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