



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: March 27, 2025

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. L-22000.1.02.06

PROJECT NAME: Alvarado Laboratory Improvements

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Navajo

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7

LOCATION: The project is within the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant located at 5540 Kiowa Drive, San Diego, CA 91949.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project will remodel an approximately 43,400-square-foot existing laboratory facility, construct an approximately 31,400-square-foot two-story addition to the laboratory building, construct approximately 18,000 square feet of underground parking, improve an existing adjacent surface parking lot, and install a photovoltaic solar array system. The project will also rehabilitate an existing 72-inch diameter pressurized water pipe underneath the laboratory building and install a new drainage system.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), and Section 15332 (Infill Development).

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 allows for the minor alteration of existing public structures, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, such as remodeling and improvements to existing laboratory facilities, improvements to the existing parking lot and rehabilitation of an existing pressurized water pipe; Section 15332 (Infill Development), which allows for in-fill development that is consistent with the applicable general plan, occurs within city limits on a site no more than five acres, occurs on a site that has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species, would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, and would be adequately served by all required utilities and public services, such as construction of a new two-story laboratory building addition, underground parking, and photovoltaic system; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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On March 27, 2025, 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 April 4, 2025. 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 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), 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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