



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
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DATE: April 11, 2025

TO: Elyse Lowe, Director, Development Services Department

FROM: Rania Amen, City Engineer & Director, Engineering & Capital Projects Department

SUBJECT: Discontinuation of City Annual Notice for Summer Construction Restriction (Moratorium)

This memo serves to address the removal of the current policy for summer construction restrictions within the City of San Diego (City) jurisdiction. As a result of the policy change, the annual notice for summer construction restrictions (Annual Notice) would no longer be required to be issued by the Development Services Department (DSD), and summer construction restrictions (also referred to as the Summer Moratorium) would no longer be enforced by the City for private and public construction.

The primary objectives of removing this policy within the City's jurisdiction is twofold: 1) to allow for timely completion of projects, and 2) to increase efficiency in project completion in these areas. In addition, to help achieve these goals, it is anticipated that projects within the beach areas should incorporate additional mitigation measures and improve community outreach to help minimize potential impacts on local businesses during construction.

The removal of the Annual Notice reflects a shift in how construction activities within these areas are to be managed. This change is intended to streamline project delivery within City rights-of-way while minimizing disruptions to the community by avoiding prolonged construction timelines.

It is recommended that DSD issue an updated notice at this time to inform the public that the City's summer construction restrictions are being lifted.

For public projects, these restrictions will no longer be routinely included in project construction contracts advertised by the City. For projects that currently have summer construction moratorium requirement in them, the Construction Deputy City Engineer has the authority to waive this requirement if deemed appropriate.

However, projects within the California Coastal Commission (CCC) original jurisdiction will still be subject to CCC permitting discretion on a case-by-case basis. This may include the imposition of summer construction restrictions by the CCC. In those cases, the Project Manager and/or applicant are encouraged to request a waiver from the CCC for the summer construction moratorium, as applicable, to achieve the desirable efficiency in construction completion.

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