



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice May 5, 2025

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Alvarado Water Treatment Plant Operations Building Murals Stabilization Project  
**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Navajo  
**COUNCIL DISTRICTS:** 7

**LOCATION:** Murals are contained within the interior lobby walls of the Operations Building of the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant located at 5540 Kiowa Drive, La Mesa, CA 91942.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The “Alvarado Water Filtration Plant Operations Building” was designated as a historic resource in 1994 and listed as Historical Resources Board Site #321. Designation included the interior foyer/gallery where the photographic murals are located. Throughout the years, water leakage from the roof, moisture, and UV exposure have caused the murals to crack and peel off the walls in multiple locations. The murals consist of two pieces that are each approximately 8 feet high by 25 feet wide. This project proposes in-situ preservation through stabilization treatment of the original photomural by a qualified art conservator. Scope of work includes testing adhesives on a small mural section, re-adhering detached mural sections, stabilizing the mural at locations where loss of cohesion has occurred, addressing separation at metal seismic joints, surface cleaning to remove dirt and grime, and optional inpainting of visually distracting areas. In addition, the mural will be tracked for one-year post-treatment and a maintenance plan will be prepared for upkeep. The treatment is designed to preserve the existing murals in place and is consistent with the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Preservation of a historic property.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** Categorical Exemption – 15301 (b) Existing Facilities, 15331 Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego Public Utilities Department

**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 State CEQA Guideline Sections 15301 Existing Facilities, which allows for repair and maintenance of existing publicly owned utilities used to provide sewerage or other public utility services, and 15331 Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation which allows for maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation,

restoration, preservation, conservation, or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner that is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings; and that the exceptions listed in CEQA Section 15300.2 would not apply in that no cumulative impacts were identified; no significant effects on the environment were identified; the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway; no historical resources would be affected by the action; and the project was not identified on a list of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

**PROJECT MANAGER:** Greg Cross, Public Utilities Department

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On May 5, 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 Project Manager 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 (**May 12, 2025**). Per the revised Public Notice issued by the Office of the City Clerk on September 28, 2021, 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@sandiego.gov](mailto:Hearings1@sandiego.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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