



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE OF NOTICE: September 8, 2025

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

I.O. 11003679

PROJECT NAME / NUMBER: 18448 West Bernardo Drive / PRJ-1120671

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Rancho Bernardo

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5

LOCATION: 18448 West Bernardo Drive, San Diego, CA 92128

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is requesting a NEIGHBORHOOD USE PERMIT to install a new wireless communication facility (WCF) designed to attach to an athletic field light pole at Rancho Bernardo Community Park. The scope of work would include the removal of an existing 71-foot field light pole and installation of a new 71-foot-tall steel pole with attached field lights, three panel antennas, six Remote Radio units, one 38.5-inch canister, one surge suppression device, hybrid cable, mast mount kits and jumpers. The project would also include ancillary equipment for support to the WCF, as well as a 10" x 15" x 10" equipment enclosure proposed on a concrete pad. The proposed site, located at 18448 West Bernardo Drive, is designated as Open Space within the Rancho Bernardo Community Plan and zoned Open Space Park (OP-1-1). The project site is within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. (Assessor's Parcel Number: 272-110-45)

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego Development Services Department

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) and 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for an exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 because the project would remove an existing field light pole and install a new light pole in the same location with substantially the same purpose and capacity as the light pole replaced. Additionally, the project also meets the criteria set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, as the project proposes to locate small new WCF equipment on the light pole as well as construct a small new enclosure within the park for ancillary

WCF equipment. The exceptions listed in CEQA 15300.2 would not apply in that the project is not located in a particularly sensitive environment; the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway; the project would not cause substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource; and the site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 for hazardous waste sites.

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On September 8, 2025, the City of San Diego (City), as Lead Agency, has 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 Development Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination made by staff (including the City Manager) to the City Council must be filed in the office of the City Clerk by 5:00pm within ten (10) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (September 22, 2025). 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>. Send the completed appeal form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to 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. Please include the project number on the memo line of the check.
- 2) Appeals filed in person: 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.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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