



Date of Notice September 17, 2025

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

21005190

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: 1360 Rhoda Water Main Break Emergency
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: La Jolla
COUNCIL DISTRICTS: 1

LOCATION: A water main broke on the northeastern portion of 1360 Rhoda Dr (project break site) adjacent to La Jolla Country Club golf course, located in La Jolla. The project area is within the La Jolla Community Planning Area; Council District 1; the break site is not in the City's Multi Habitat Planning Area (MHPA).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of San Diego Public Utilities Department responded to an 8-inch Asbestos Concrete (AC) transmission water main break in the early morning of February 23, 2025. The water main was fully shut down within an hour. Emergency repair was conducted over the following week and water service to affected residential areas were restored via highline. The project consisted of dewatering at the location of the water main break, removing a large of amount of sediment/silt at the Pearl St/Cabrillo intersection that was washed down the roadway by the water from the break, and minor road repair work due to this damage. Damage to the private property (1360 Rhoda Dr) at the break site within a small canyon resulted in a temporary impact of approximately 0.08 acre of disturbed land primarily on the slope where the pipe broke.

To restore the private property to pre-impact conditions the following work will be performed: a crew will establish an access path on Massena St and in the damaged area in the canyon to accommodate work equipment; the existing broken 8-inch AC water pipe on hillside will be removed; the exposed ends of the remaining pipe will be capped (hot side and abandoned side) in the north and in the slope and bottom of the canyon; and the existing concrete head wall will be removed from the canyon. To complete the restoration, the south slope of the property will be backfilled and compacted with appropriate soil for the base and top layers. Afterward, erosion control will be installed on the south slope. The bottom of the canyon will then be restored by clearing out washed-out hillside soil, rocks, and other debris. Finally, the staired pathway, handrails, lighting, irrigation, and plants will be restored that will complete the project. The restored area will be maintained and monitored for 25-months to ensure the city's landscape standards are met.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269 (B) & (c) Emergency Projects

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

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This emergency exemption is based on the expert opinion and findings by the Public Utilities Department. Immediate action was necessary to shut down the pipeline to prevent damage to the residential area where break occurred and a greater impact to the property slope and canyon below from sediment/silt and water as the result of the pressurized water release. The crews proceeded make the repair immediately after the shutdown was completed to restore service via highline. Furthermore, the project meets the criteria set forth in CEQA section 15269(b & c) which allows for actions necessary to repair public services and to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

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On September 17, 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 CEQA determinations 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 (September 24, 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 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.

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