



Date of Notice: September 25, 2025

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Task Order 1: OLDCC Grant for Landfill Gas Conveyance or Power Distribution Infrastructure Analysis and Recommended Improvements

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Military Facilities and Kearny Mesa

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6

LOCATION: 5180 Convoy Street, San Diego, CA, 92111

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Located in the northern part of the City of San Diego, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar is a vital aviation installation occupying a footprint of over 23,000 acres of land. As an all-weather aviation base, the mission of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar is to provide services, material support, and training that promote combat readiness and support the missions of 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. The size and location also make Marine Corps Air Station Miramar a strategic power projection platform to support Joint Force operations in the Indo-Pacific. The Miramar Landfill, operating on lands leased from the Marine Corps, spans over 1,500 acres and is the only regional landfill publicly operated by the City of San Diego. The Miramar Landfill opened on December 7, 1959, and has since operated in three areas: north, south, and west. The South Miramar Landfill operated from 1959 to 1973. The North Miramar Landfill operated from 1973 to 1983. The West Miramar Landfill opened in 1983 and is currently in operation. The Miramar Landfill is currently permitted to accept up to 8,000 tons of solid waste and up to 690 tons of organic waste per day. On average, the Miramar Landfill operates 306 days per year.

Marine Corps Air Station Miramar has invested significantly in its electrical infrastructure, enabling a state-of-the-art microgrid that can support critical installation functions for 21 days. The microgrid depends on methane from the Miramar Landfill to produce local renewable electricity onsite for energy resilience. Methane, a greenhouse gas produced as a byproduct of the landfill, is collected, and used to provide 90 percent of the fuel to power electrical generators, which produce approximately 9.6 megawatts of power to support Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, the Metro Biosolids Center/regional wastewater treatment operations, and the Miramar Landfill and Greenery. Landfill gas collection will continue to occur well beyond the service life of the Miramar Landfill's refuse disposal operations.

The study will analyze the potential to further the mutually beneficial use of landfill gas from the Miramar Landfill to support improved base energy resiliency. Currently, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar receives up to 3.2 MW of landfill gas derived energy. The study will analyze and provide recommendations as to whether more landfill gas or gas derived power is available for sale to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, best management practices for current gas conveyance and/or power distribution, assessment of onsite options to decrease length of power distribution or gas conveyance lines, exploration of potential renewable natural gas production and microgrid feasibility. In addition, the study will identify any additional infrastructure for best use practices and potential partnership between the City of San Diego

and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

The federal pass-through agency for this grant is U.S. Department of Defense.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15306 (Information Collection)

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee.

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 Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use and 15306 (Information Collection) which consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource; and where the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines 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 as to the exception for hazardous materials, there are locations listed on GeoTracker and EnviroStor within 1,000 feet of the project area. While these locations are listed, the proposed project would not involve ground disturbance which would expose potential hazardous materials, and as such would not preclude the use of a CEQA exemption pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The future projects resulting from this Task Order will be subject to CEQA at a later date in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15004, which provides direction to lead agencies on the appropriate timing for environmental review.

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On September 25, 2025, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to CEQA. This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Contact 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 (**October 2, 2025**). 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](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf) 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.

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

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