



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice November 5, 2025

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

21005190

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Lake Murray Blvd. Tree Trimming  
**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Navajo Community Planning Area  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 7

**LOCATION:** All work will be within City of San Diego Public Utilities Department property along Lake Murray Blvd., southwest of the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant, San Diego, CA 91942; Council District 7. The work is not located within the Multiple Habitat Planning Area.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of San Diego Public Utilities Department (PUD) is proposing to trim eucalyptus trees along an approximately 500-foot segment of Lake Murray Blvd. southwest of the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant on PUD property to maintain public safety by reducing the risk of falling limbs. A certified arborist will assess the trees within the work area and develop a plan to address any potential safety concerns the trees may pose. Traffic control will be provided as needed by the contractor. The work will occur on developed land within an existing roadway right-of-way and will not expand the existing use or alter the character of the area. Work will occur outside the avian breeding season and will not impact sensitive resources.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego, Public Utilities Department

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION: 15301 EXISTING FACILITIES; 15304 MINOR ALTERATIONS TO LAND

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego

**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 Sections 15301 Existing Facilities which allows for maintenance of existing streets and similar facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use and 15304 Minor Alterations to Land which allows for minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of scenic trees; and where 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.

**PROJECT MANAGER:** Lee BenVau, Public Utilities Department  
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On November 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 (**November 13, 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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