



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: November 14, 2025

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. L-24000.2

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Pump Station No. 2 Improvements and Modernization

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: N/A (federal property)

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

LOCATION: The project is located at 4077 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: City Council approval to allow the award of a construction contract for the Pump Station No. 2 Improvements and Modernization Project, which proposes to enhance the station's reliability, operability, and overall condition through a comprehensive set of upgrades across architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, and instrumentation systems. Key work includes replacing eight vertical non-clog sewage pumps—four in each of two wet wells—along with five pump motors for Pumps No. 1, 3, 6, 7, and 8. The influent channel will be cleaned and repaired and corroded top supports on Mechanical Screens 1 through 4 will be replaced. Structural repairs will be made to Wet Wells No. 1 and No. 2, involving concrete removal to reach sound layers and replacement of reinforcing steel where needed. The project will also upgrade five motor controllers, replacing Liquid Rheostat types with Reduced Voltage Soft Starters and Variable Frequency Drives, and updating existing RVSS controllers for Pumps No. 7 and 8. Valve replacements include eight hydraulically actuated cone valves, eight suction wedge-type gate valves, and eight discharge wedge-type gate valves. Additional enhancements involve replacing eight flywheels with standardized sizes based on surge analysis, installing new pump supports and discharge piping supports, and designing a new pump seal water supply system. Instrumentation upgrades will include new gauges, sensors, and transmitters for monitoring pressure and temperature remotely via the Distributed Control System (DCS). The project also encompasses miscellaneous architectural rehabilitations in the Mechanical Room and structural improvements throughout the Headworks, pump building, and Pipe Gallery. Any ground disturbance would be minimal and limited to previously developed and disturbed surface areas of the pump station facility during the repair and replacement activities. These efforts collectively aim to modernize the facility and ensure long-term operational efficiency.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction).

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Engineering & Capital Projects Department

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review, which determined the project meets the following categorical exemption criteria set forth in the CEQA State Guidelines: Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), which allows for the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, such as the repair, maintenance, and rehabilitation of structures and mechanical equipment within the pump station facility; Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, such as the replacement of various structural, mechanical, and electrical components at the pump station facility; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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On November 13, 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 City Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determinations made by staff 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. An appeal to this determination must be made by 5:00 p.m. on November 21, 2025. Appeal procedures are described in Information Bulletin 505 (<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf>). 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.pdf>. Send the completed appeal application form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to Hearings1@sandiego.gov by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 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 within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.
- 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>. Deposit the fully completed appeal application (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building – Public Information Counter (Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding City-approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00 p.m. 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. Please include the project name on the memo line of the check/money order. This Drop-Off Box is checked daily, and payments are processed the following business day.

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