



**Date of Notice:** January 13, 2026

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

## ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

### STORMWATER DEPARTMENT

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**PROJECT NAME:** El Cerrito & Rolando Park Storm Drain & Green Infrastructure / PRJ-1127232

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Mid-City: Eastern Area

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 4 & 9

**LOCATION:** El Cerrito & Rolando Park Neighborhoods, San Diego, CA 92115

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Site Development Permit and Easement Vacation would allow for the replacement and improvement of storm drain infrastructure to address existing flooding conditions. Project would also install new green infrastructure improvements to improve water quality.

The Project is located in the El Cerrito and Rolando Park neighborhoods within the Mid-City: Eastern Area Community Planning Area, in the Chollas Creek Watershed (United States Geologic Survey Hydrologic Unit Code 180703041201). Work would take place in two non-contiguous subareas, referred to as Subarea 1 (El Cerrito) and Subarea 2 (Rolando Park). Work in Subarea 1 would be located wholly outside of Environmentally Sensitive Lands and work in Subarea 2 would be located partially within Environmentally Sensitive Lands. Work within Environmentally Sensitive Lands would be subject to the City of San Diego Environmentally Sensitive Lands Regulations.

The Project would consist of municipal storm drain and water quality treatment infrastructure improvements in the El Cerrito and Rolando Park neighborhoods of San Diego. It would upsize and realign the existing storm drain system at both locations to meet City standard requirements, install a new outfall into the Rolando Channel, and install green infrastructure including up to eight modular wetland systems near the intersection of University Avenue and College Avenue. Project would also abandon several segments of storm drain located on private property. In total, up to 1,200 linear feet of storm drains would be removed or abandoned, up to 3,400 linear feet of new storm drain would be installed, and up to 54 new storm drain structures would be installed. Therefore, the combined total of abandoned pipeline and new pipeline would be under one mile. Surface facilities are not tied to the operation of the underground pipeline. Existing drainage easements would be expanded to meet City standards and allow for the proper maintenance of the drainage facilities. In instances in which the storm drain network would be abandoned and realigned from private property to the public right of way, the existing drainage easements would no longer be needed and would be vacated.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15282(k) [Other Statutory Exemptions].

**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 which determined that the project meets the statutory exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15282 (k), Other Statutory Exemptions, which includes the installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length and does not include surface facilities related to the operation of the underground facilities. Because the project meets the requirements for a statutory exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15282(k), no mitigation is required. Work in Subarea 2 that occurs within Environmentally Sensitive Lands will comply with the City's Environmentally Sensitive Lands Regulations.

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On January 13, 2026, 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 City Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**January 21, 2026**). 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.

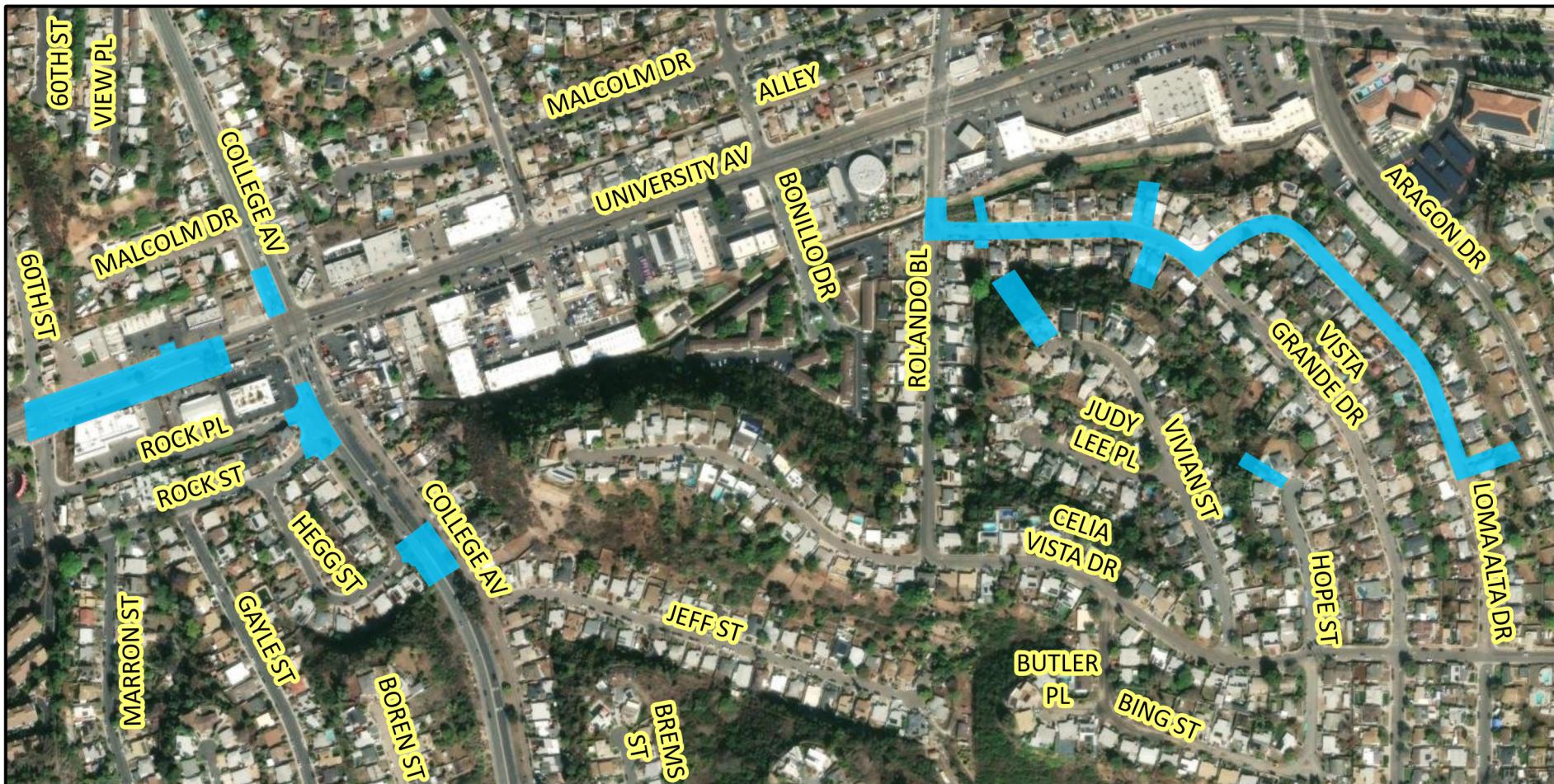
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