



Date of Notice: March 11, 2026

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: SDG&E FiRE Hardening Helicopter Landing Zone – TL23013–TL23071
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Sorrento Valley
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
LOCATION: Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve near 4x200 Sorrento Valley Blvd., San Diego, CA 92121

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: One-day license agreement that would allow SDG&E to temporarily use the parking lot area within Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve as a helicopter landing zone and staging area for poles associated with their FiRE hardening project. The proposed temporary laydown yard SDG&E is requesting is on dedicated City parkland at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve along Sorrento Valley Blvd (APN: 311-020-20). The proposed staging area/helicopter landing zone within the park's existing parking lot which is approximately 1.8 acres. The proposed use is limited to a single one-day operation during the first quarter of 2026. Activities would include temporary staging of bulk materials (such as poles), crew trucks, and crew vehicles, as well as use of the site as a helicopter landing and staging area. The existing parking lot would be temporarily closed to the public during operations with advance notification signage. All activities would occur entirely within the existing paved parking lot area. No grading, vegetation removal, utilities, or permanent improvements are proposed. No permanent structures will be installed, and all temporary facilities and materials will be removed upon completion. SDG&E will restore the property to its original condition or better and assume responsibility for any damage directly resulting from its use. Please see attached map.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities).

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. 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 the project was not identified on a list of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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On March 11, 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 Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**March 18, 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 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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Exhibit A: License Area Map

