



Date of Notice May 18, 2026

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Lower Otay Reservoir Data Collection

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** N/A Unincorporated San Diego County

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS:** Council District 8

**LOCATION:** 1500 Wueste Road, Chula Vista, California

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project consists of fieldwork and data collection including but not limited to topographic and bathymetric surveys of the Lower Otay Dam and Reservoir site. The work is limited to field-based data collection to support planning and future design efforts and does not involve construction, excavation, ground disturbance, or alteration of the environment and will not change the facility's operational footprint. These data collection activities are necessary to inform engineering assessments and support the planning and design of future improvements to the facility.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** **Categorically** exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 Information Collection and statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego Public Utilities Department

**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(s) 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies, which involves feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded and does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. Additionally, the project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Sections(s) 15306 Information Collection, which allows for basic data collection and resource evaluation activities that do not result in serious or major disturbance to environmental resources. The proposed work

consists of non-invasive, field-based data collection using sonar, remote sensing, and visual inspection methods and does not involve ground disturbance, sediment disruption, vegetation removal, or installation of infrastructure. None of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply, as no cumulative impacts or 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.

**PROJECT MANAGER:** Jensen Lee

**MAILING ADDRESS:** City of San Diego Public Utilities, 9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, CA 92123

**PHONE NUMBER:** (619) 236-7792

On May 18, 2026, 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 May 26, 2026. 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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