



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: June 9, 2026

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

## MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

### ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. S-10008

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The City of San Diego (City), as the Lead Agency, has prepared a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the following proposed project and invites your comments on the adequacy of the document. The draft MND and associated technical appendices have been placed on the City's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) website at <https://www.sandiego.gov/ceqa/draft>.

**HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Comments on this draft MND must be received by close of business on July 9, 2026**, to be included in the final document considered by the decision-making body. When submitting comments, please reference the project name and number, El Monte Pipeline No. 2/WBS No. S-10008 in the subject line. The City requests that all comments be provided electronically via email at: [CIP-CEQA@sandiego.gov](mailto:CIP-CEQA@sandiego.gov). However, if a hard-copy submittal is necessary, it may be submitted to: **Jamie Kennedy, City of San Diego Engineering and Capital Projects, 8525 Gibbs Dr., Suite 302, MS 912, San Diego, CA 92123.**

#### GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION:

- Project Name: El Monte Pipeline No. 2
- Project No.: S-10008
- Community Planning Area: Navajo
- Council District: 7

**Project Description:** The project proposes rehabilitation and repairs along 12.2 miles of the existing El Monte Pipeline, including the Grossmont Tunnel. The purpose of the rehabilitation is to extend the pipeline's service life, enhance operational efficiency, and improve reliability. Improvements are proposed at approximately 69 locations comprising 1.35 acres along the existing pipeline, including improvements to and reconstruction of existing appurtenances, such as air valves, blowoffs, and access structures; installation of new isolation valves; and open trench replacement of approximately 450 feet of deteriorated pipeline along El Monte Road. The project would also include repairs to curbs and gutters, sidewalks, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps at affected intersections, repairs to ornamental landscape in previously developed areas and native plant revegetation in open space areas. The pipeline alignment is located in the cities of Santee, La Mesa, El Cajon, and San Diego and the unincorporated community of Lakeside. The project is approximately 12.2 miles long and extends from near Lake Jennings in the northeast to the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant at Lake Murray in the southwest (Navajo Community Planning Area, Council District 7).

**APPLICANT:** City of San Diego Engineering and Capital Projects Department

**RECOMMENDED FINDING:** The draft MND determined the proposed project would result in significant environmental effects in the following areas: **Archeological/Historical, Biological Resources, and Tribal Cultural Resources**

**AVAILABILITY IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT:** To request this Notice, the draft MND, and/or supporting documents in an alternative format, please email the Engineering and Capital Projects Department at [CIP-CEQA@san Diego.gov](mailto:CIP-CEQA@san Diego.gov). Your request should include the recommended format to assist with the review of documents.

**Additional Information:** For environmental review information, contact Jamie Kennedy at [JMKennedy@san Diego.gov](mailto:JMKennedy@san Diego.gov). For information about public meetings/hearings on this project, contact Development Project Manager III, Tyler Sherer, at [TSherer@san Diego.gov](mailto:TSherer@san Diego.gov). This Notice was published in the SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT and distributed on June 9, 2026.

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