



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: July 14, 2026

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. B-26009.02.02

PROJECT NAME: Design Services Contract for Point Loma Water Treatment Plant North Effluent Outfall Connection

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Peninsula

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

LOCATION: The proposed project site is located within the existing North Effluent Outfall Connection (NEOC) facility and the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant (PLWTP) complex. The site address is 1902 Gatchell Road, San Diego, CA 92106.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Mayoral approval to allow award of a design services contract for the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant North Effluent Outfall Connection project. The proposed project would replace existing features of the existing PLWTP NEOC facility, including traveling screens, above-ground piping and valves, level detector system, multiple control panels, vortex isolation gate and adjacent sluice gate, gate valves, and hydroelectric power units within the hydroelectric building. The proposed project would also rehabilitate existing features such as the outfall and overflow channels, access hatches, intake weir channel, vortex structure, emergency spillway, and throttling valve vault. The design services contract includes research, structural field testing, concrete borings, data collection, preparation of construction plans, preparation of technical studies, and environmental permitting support.

The proposed project site is located adjacent to the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) and would be required to comply with the MHPA Land Use Adjacency Guidelines as specified in Section 1.4.3 of the Multiple Species Conservation Program's (MSCP) Subarea Plan.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies)

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 that the project meets the statutory exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) for approval of the design consultant services contract, which includes structural field testing and borings activities to assess existing concrete channels.

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On July 14 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 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 July 21, 2026. 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 five (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.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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