



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-21130.02.06

PROJECT NAME: Alvarado WTP Area 40 Sludge Discharge System

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Navajo

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7

LOCATION: The proposed project site is located within the existing Alvarado Water Treatment Plant complex. The site address is 5540 Kiowa Drive, La Mesa, CA 91942.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Mayoral approval to allow award of a construction contract for the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant Area 40 Sludge Pump Station project. The proposed project would install upgrades to the existing sludge discharge system at sedimentation basins 3 and 4, including removal and demolition of 24 existing telescopic valves and associated piping, abandonment of 4 existing telescopic valve box structures, and replacement of 24 existing 4-inch plug valves in the pipe gallery. The proposed project would also install new flushing ports, connect existing 4-inch hopper pipes, and replace existing electromagnetic flow meters and associated piping and valves. All proposed construction activities, staging, and site access would be located within the boundary of the existing City-owned water treatment plant.

The proposed project site occurs 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. Implementation of the MHPA LUAGs would be included in the project contract specifications.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

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 categorical exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), which allows for the maintenance and minor alteration of existing public structures involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, such as the abandonment of existing telescopic valve box structures, the connection of existing hopper pipes to an existing discharge line, and the removal and demolition of existing telescopic valves and associated piping; Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for the replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, such as the replacement of existing plug valves, electromagnetic flow meter, and associated piping; Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, such as the installation of new flushing ports; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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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.

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