



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: August 10, 2026

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

**Stormwater Department Project**

WBS No.: B-27043

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**PROJECT NAME:** 2299 Del Mar Heights Rd SWD Emergency

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Torrey Pines

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 1

**LOCATION:** The project is located in the public right of way (ROW) and City-owned property near 2299 Del Mar Heights Road.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** An inspection was performed of the storm water infrastructure in response to a reported sinkhole near 2299 Del Mar Heights Road. An engineering assessment identified an active sinkhole along the storm drain alignment as a result of a failed 18-inch corrugated metal pipe. At the maximum extent the sinkhole measures approximately 44-feet (L) by 23-feet (W) by 16-feet deep. The sinkhole has undermined a nearby utility pole's foundation and is starting to undermine the pedestrian sidewalk. The structural failure has resulted in loss of soil support and formation of a significant subsurface void. Given the size of the sinkhole and its proximity to critical infrastructure, including the roadway and utility pole, the condition presents an immediate risk of further ground collapse and infrastructure damage.

The project will stabilize the slope failure, replace the failed 18-inch corrugated metal pipe storm drain, install a cleanout structure along the existing pipe alignment, reconstruct the inlet on the street to improve runoff capture and prevent further erosion, and reinstall the headwall. The adjacent eroded slope of the impacted storm drain will be backfilled and compacted. The failed 18-inch pipe will be replaced from the point of failure to the downstream outlet. The inlet, curb and gutter will be replaced. The headwall and associated appurtenances will be replaced.

Following completion of work, all areas impacted by the emergency will be restored to their pre-existing condition to the extent feasible. Revegetation or erosion control of areas disturbed by project work will be completed in accordance with the City's Landscape Standards. If the emergency work permanently impacts Environmentally Sensitive Lands, a subsequent Site Development Permit (SDP) may be required per Section 143.0126 of the Land Development Code.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Statute Sections 21080(b)(2) and (4) and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15269(b) and (c) (Emergency Projects).

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego Stormwater Department

**STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the project meets the definition of an “Emergency” as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15359 (Emergency) as the project involves a sudden, unexpected occurrence, involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services. This emergency repair is required in order to protect public health, safety, and property and is supported by the expert opinion of the City Engineer. Thus, this emergency activity is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Statute Section 21080(b)(2) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b) (Emergency Projects), which exempts emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to public health, safety or welfare. This activity is also statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Statute Section 21080(b)(4) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) (Emergency Projects), which exempts specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

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On August 06, 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 determination 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 (by August 17, 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](mailto: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), 1<sup>st</sup> 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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