



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: September 10, 2026

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. S-10008.02.06

PROJECT NAME: El Monte Pipeline No. 2

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Navajo and outside City of San Diego Boundaries

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7

LOCATION: San Diego County (unincorporated Lakeside), Cities of El Cajon, Santee, La Mesa, and San Diego

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 curb and gutter, sidewalks, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps at affected intersections, the repair of 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).

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego Engineering and Capital Projects Department

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Mitigated Negative Declaration

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 Initial Study, which determined that the project could have a significant environmental effect

in the following areas: Archeological/Historical, Biological Resources, Tribal Cultural Resources. The project proposal requires the implementation of specific mitigation identified in Section V of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The project as presented avoids or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects identified, and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) would not be required.

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On September 10, 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 Development Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination made by staff) to the City Council must be filed in the office of the City Clerk by 5:00pm within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (September 24, 2026). Appeal procedures are described in [Information Bulletin 505](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf) (<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 form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to 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: 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 8:00am 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. 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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