



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: September 22, 2026

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. B-25074.02.06

PROJECT NAME: Madrone Avenue Pipeline Replacement

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Chollas Valley

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

LOCATIONS: The proposed project is located within the City's public right-of-way on Madrone Avenue, 66th Street, and Woodman Street.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Mayoral approval to allow award of a construction contract for the Madrone Avenue Pipeline Replacement project. The proposed project would install approximately 1,080 linear feet (0.21 miles) of new 8-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) water pipe and abandon approximately 850 linear feet (0.16 miles) of existing 2-inch galvanized water pipe. The proposed project would also include the installation of new fire hydrants, valves, and associated appurtenances; gutter replacement; and trench resurfacing. All work would occur within the existing and developed public right-of-way.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

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

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(b) (Existing Facilities), which allows for the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public utility services, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, such as abandoning existing water pipes; Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures on the same site with the same purpose and capacity, such as trench resurfacing and gutter replacement; Section 15303(d) (New Construction), which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small water

mains and utilities, such as installing new water pipes, fire hydrants, valves, and associated appurtenances; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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On September 22, 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 September 29, 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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