



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: September 23, 2026

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

## ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

### ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS

WBS #: B-26085.02.06

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**PROJECT NAME:** Pump Station L Storm Drain Emergency

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Midway-Pacific Highway

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 2

**LOCATION:** The proposed project site is located south of the 3900 block of Pacific Highway within the Marine Corps Recruit Depot.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Mayoral approval to allow award of an emergency construction contract for the installation of a new vault structure, replacement of two 12 linear foot (LF) sections of failed 16-inch diameter cast iron (CI) force main with new 16-inch diameter steel force main, and replacement of two check valves. A recent inspection of stormwater infrastructure at Pump Station L revealed failures within the vault structure involving two 16-inch diameter CI storm drain force mains. The failures have resulted in flooding on Pacific Highway and in the surrounding areas during rain events. The associated check valves have also failed, resulting in further damage to the pump system.

Failure to implement the proposed measures increases the likelihood of further flooding, erosion, road and business closures, and impacts to private property and the right-of-way. The proposed work is the minimum necessary to restore stormwater conveyance and ensure public health and safety.

**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 Engineering & Capital Projects

**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 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 September 23, 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 ten (10) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (by October 7, 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 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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