



Date of Notice: September 15, 2026

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: SDG&E Easement at Palm Ridge Park

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Otay Mesa-Nestor

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8

LOCATION: South side of Palm Avenue / East side of Firethorn Street
Within Palm Ridge Park (751 Firethorn St, San Diego, CA 92154)
See Attachment A for more detail.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed easement area is located slightly east of the northwest corner of the subject larger parcel at Palm Ridge Park where there are already several above ground utility boxes and underground utility boxes with access panels. Adjacent to the south of these utility boxes is a 4.61-foot-wide San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) easement. The subject proposed easement is to be located adjacent to the south of this easement, is "L" shaped, and contains 408 square feet.

This easement is to allow for SDG&E's Scada Cap installation project C1180. A Scada Cap (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System) system's function in the power distribution network is to monitor and control distribution sectors, optimize overall network efficiency, and provide greater system reliability and sustainability. Two Scada Caps will be installed underground within the area of the proposed easement, which will require digging in that area.

A qualified archaeological and Native American monitor will be required for all ground-disturbing activities. In the event of a discovery, the monitor shall halt work in the area of concern and shall contact SDG&E Cultural Resources Lead immediately to determine the appropriate course of action. The monitor will not undertake any additional work at a discovery without prior authorization from SDG&E.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301(b) (Existing Facilities) and 15303(d) (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee.

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(b) (Existing Facilities), which allows the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, including (b) existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; and Section 15303(d) (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), which allows construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure, including (d) water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction. The exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would not apply in that no cumulative impacts were identified; no significant effects on the environment were identified; the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway; no historical resources would be affected by the action; and the project was not identified on a list of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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On September 15, 2026, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to CEQA. This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Contact listed above.

Applications to appeal the CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed with the Office of the Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**September 22, 2026**). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

1. Appeals filed via Email: 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: 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>. Bring the fully completed appeal application [DS-3031](#) (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.

The appeal application can also be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

POSTED ON THE CITY'S CEQA WEBSITE

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Attachment A

OVERALL LOCATION MAP OF PROJECT AND PALM RIDGE PARK

