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Balboa Park Pipeline Repl. PPA Project Tracking Number (PTS) No 635078

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Subsequent to completion of the Final Addendum Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), minor revisions have been made to the Project Description and Summary of Proposed Project sections of the final environmental document to clarify the correct project description and accurate descriptions of the project actions. Revisions are shown in strikeout/underline.

Balboa Park Pipeline Replacement, Phase II: The proposed scope of work would include SUBJECT: open trenching for replace-in-place, tunneling, and new installation (i.e. new alignment trenching) of approximately 10.741 11,258 linear feet (LF) of water mains and services and 2,714 2,419 LF of sewer mains and services laterals. Nine Seven sewer manholes will be replaced-in-place, and four two new manholes and three cleanouts to be installed on undisturbed soils. Approximately 161 cubic yards of excavation is proposed in the new sewer alignments 10 feet or deeper. The project would also include the abandonment of 10,29211,149 LF of existing water mains extending from the public right-of way into Balboa Park and the San Diego Zoo's parking lot. The project would also include the following improvements: installation of curb ramps, laterals, cleanouts, water meters, water boxes, fire hydrants, water appurtenances, slurry seal, manholes and street resurfacing including overlay, bus pads and base repairs. The entire project is generally bounded by Park Blvd from Weber Avenue to Upas Street and Richmond Street to the east. This work would occur within City-owned property and right-of-way. Park Blvd is adjacent to the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA). Work would occur within Historical Resources Board (HRB) Site #1. APPLICANT: City of San Diego Public Works Department

I. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed scope of work would include <u>open trenching for</u> replace-in-place, tunneling, and new installation (i.e. new alignment – trenching) of approximately <u>10,606</u> 11,258 linear feet (LF) of water mains and services and <u>2,714</u> 2,419 LF of sewer mains and <u>laterals</u> services. Approximately <u>2,073</u> 2,008 LF of existing 6- inch vitrified clay (VC), and 6- inch concrete sewer pipes will be replaced-in-place in the same trench alignment via tunneling methods (i.e., pipebursting) no excavation involved, and 411 LF with open trench methods, at <u>approximately</u> the same depth with new <u>64-</u> inch and 8- inch <u>polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and</u> high-density polyethylene (HDPE) piping pipe. Nine <u>Seven</u> sewer manholes will be also replaced-in-place <u>also</u>, and four <u>two</u> new manholes <u>and three cleanouts</u> to be installed on undisturbed soils by trenching an approximately 8 ft by 8 ft with a depth of 4 ft to <u>8</u> 17 ft. Approximately <u>4,352</u> 4,683 LF of existing 1-inch, <u>2</u> 3-inch, 4-inch, 6-inch, 8-inch, 12-inch, and 16-inch AC and CI water pipes, will be replace in place via open trench, and approximately <u>6,254</u> 6,575 LF of new 8-inch, 12inch, 16-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) water pipes will be installed in new alignments via open trench. Approximately 161 cubic yards of excavation is proposed in the new sewer alignments 10 feet or deeper.

The project would also include the abandonment of $\frac{10,292}{11,149}$ LF of existing water mains extending from the public right-of way into Balboa Park and the San Diego Zoo's parking lot. All abandonment of $\frac{16''}{16''}$ these water mains will be slurry-filled per City standard.

The project would also include the following improvements: installation of curb ramps, laterals, cleanouts, water meters, water boxes, <u>fire hydrants, water appurtenances</u>, slurry seal, manholes and street resurfacing <u>including overlay</u>, <u>bus pads and base repairs</u>.

More specific descriptions of construction methods are as follow:

Open Trenching: The open trench method of construction will be used for complete replacement portions of the Project. Trenches are typically 3-5 feet wide and are dug with excavators and similar large construction equipment. All trenching work would occur within the City's property, public right-of-way and easements (see attached plan sheets and maps).

Abandonment: Pipeline abandonment activities will have minimum surface/subsurface disturbance at both ends of the mains. Disturbance would be limited to removal of manholes and exposed pipe sections. All abandonment would occur within City's property and right-of-way.

Potholing: Potholing will be used to verify utility crossings. These 'potholes' are made by using vacuum type equipment to open up small holes into the street or pavement.

Tunneling: Part of replacing the existing sewer mains for this project is to use Pipe Bursting (trenchless) method. With this technology most of the ground surface remains undisturbed, lessening the environmental impact of placing pipe. In this method one manhole will be used as an insertion pit for equipment to break the existing pipe and pull a new pipe through while another manhole is used as receiving pit. Area traffic flow continues without interruption. Communities remain relatively undisturbed and visually pleasing.

Minor revisions have been made to the Final MND, which appear in strikeout and underline format. Minor clarifications in the project description, including removing tunneling references, would not result in any changes to the environmental impacts associated with the project, or the project's mitigation measures. As such, no recirculation of the MND is required. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15073.5 (c)(4), recirculation is not required when new information is added to the negative declaration which merely clarifies, amplifies, or makes insignificant modifications to the negative declaration, when there are no new impacts and no new mitigation is identified. An environmental document need only be recirculated where there is identification of new significant environmental impact or the addition or a new mitigation measure required to avoid a significant environmental impact.