



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: June 29, 2023

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SAP No. 21005190

Project Name / Number: City of San Diego Dam Maintenance Program / 696140

Community Plan Area: Black Mountain Ranch, Mid-City: Eastern Area, Navajo, Rancho Bernardo, San Pasqual, and Scripps Ranch; and in City owned lands within the County of San Diego

Council District: 4, 5, and 7

Location: Various (Barrett Dam 19886 Japatul Lyons Valley Rd., Jamul, CA 91935; Black Mountain Dam 14799 Black Mountain Rd., San Diego, CA 92129; Chollas Dam 5350 College Grove Dr., San Diego, CA 92115; El Capitan Dam 16850 El Monte Rd., Lakeside, CA 92040; Hodges Dam 20175 Lake Dr., Escondido, CA 92029; Miramar Dam: 10710 Scripps Lake Dr., San Diego, CA 92131; Morena Dam 2550 Lake Morena Dr., Campo, CA 91906; Murray Dam 5540 Kiowa Dr., La Mesa, CA 91942; Rancho Bernardo Dam 16061 Big Springs Way, San Diego, CA 91927; San Vicente Dam 12387 Moreno Ave., Lakeside, CA 92040; Savage Dam 1500 Wueste Rd., Chula Vista, CA 91915; Sutherland Dam 22850 Sutherland Dam Rd., Ramona, CA 92065; Upper Otay Dam 12161 Otay Lakes Rd., Chula Vista, CA 91915; Dulzura Conduit 19886 Japatul Lyons Valley Rd., Jamul, CA 91935)

Project Description: Site Development Permit (SDP) to allow for the City of San Diego (City) Public Utilities Department (PUD) to implement the Dam Maintenance Program (Project) consisting of oversight and maintenance activities at 13 of the City's dams, Dulzura Conduit, and associated infrastructure located throughout San Diego County. PUD owns and manages 13 dams, spillways, and associated infrastructure, including the approximately 13-mile Dulzura Conduit. These facilities are part of the City's drinking water infrastructure and are subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD), which is part of the California Department of Water Resources. The DSOD oversees dam safety in California with the goal of avoiding dam failure which could lead to potential loss of life and destruction of property. As part of the dam safety program, the DSOD completes detailed inspections and reports of the City's dams to identify on-going issues such as vegetation removal, grading, dredging, and repairs to infrastructure and may request certain maintenance work to be performed to improve dam safety. The proposed Dam Maintenance Program (Program) would cover maintenance activities that are routinely included in these DSOD inspection reports. Zoning would include: AR-1-1 (Black Mountain, Miramar, Murray, Rancho Bernardo Dams), AG-1-1 (Hodges Dam), and OP-1-1 (Chollas Dam).

Entity Considering Project Approval: City of San Diego Development Services Department

Environmental Determination: Mitigated Negative Declaration

Entity Making Environmental Determination: City of San Diego

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: Biological Resources, Noise, and Wildfire. 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 May 25, 2023 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 (including the City Manager) to the City Council must be filed in the office of the City Clerk by 5:00pm within ten (10) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (July 14, 2023). 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>. 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. Please include the project number on the memo line of the check.
- 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> or in person at 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. 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 must include the required appeal fee, with a check payable to: City Treasurer.

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