



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: September 10, 2021

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS

IO# 21004004

PROJECT NAME: PLWTP Digester Emergency Repair

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Peninsula

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

LOCATION: Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant, 1902 Gatchell Road, San Diego, CA 92106

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Recent routine maintenance and inspections of the eight anaerobic sludge digester tanks ("digesters") at the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant (PLWTP) revealed biogas leaks from the digester covers. In response, two of the eight digesters (C1 and C2) have been temporarily taken out of service. In the meantime, additional inspections and immediate repairs to all eight digesters are necessary to prevent failure, meet regulatory compliance, maintain availability of the minimum five digesters necessary to meet operational demand, and protect the health and safety of the public and onsite personnel. The scope of emergency repair includes the removal of sludge from and repair of roofs on digesters C1 and C2, replacement of two pressure relief valves on all eight digesters (16 total), and replacement of up to eight access hatches (one on each digester, as deemed necessary by pending additional inspection). All work will occur within and on the digesters.

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 clean-up 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 10, 2021 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 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (September 24, 2021). During the Statewide "Safer-at-Home" directive to reduce the spread of COVID-19, beginning March 19, 2020, appeals to the City Clerk must be filed by email or US Mail as follows:

- 1) Appeals filed via E-mail: Send the fully completed appeal application [DS-3031](#) (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) via email to Hearings1@sanidiego.gov by 5:00pm 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: Bring the fully completed appeal application [DS-3031](#) (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building—Public Information Counter, 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00pm on the last day of the appeal period.

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