

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: September 10, 2021 NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING AND CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. B-20002.02.06

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Storm Water Diversion at the South Bay Water Reclamation Plant

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Tijuana River Valley

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8

LOCATION: The Project is located at the South Bay Water Reclamation Plant at 2411 Dairy Mart Road.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project involves demolition of the existing Sanitary Sewer Pump Station (SSPS) at the South Bay Water Reclamation Plant (SBWRP) facility, and construction of a new SSPS in its place. Additional improvements associated with the SSPS replacement include installation of a new cast-inplace reinforced concrete wet well and valve vault; installation of two 96-inch diameter diversion structures; installation of two new PVC storm drain pipe segments to connect storm water runoff from the diversion structures to the new SSPS; and installation of new electrical instrumentation and control systems for the new SSPS. The Project also includes landscaping and irrigation system restoration, and partial removal and replacement of existing paved sidewalk and driveway within the perimeter of the facility.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities); 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction); and 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Engineering and Capital Projects Department

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review which determined that the project meets the categorical exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), which allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, including existing publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas,

sewerage, or other public utility services (new diversion structures are minor alterations to the existing SBWRP facility intended to repair existing off-site stormwater drainage conditions); Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), which consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site, including replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity (new SSPS, landscaping, irrigation, sidewalk, and driveway are replacements or reconstructions within the existing SBWRP facility); Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), which consists of construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, including water mains, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions (new diversion structures and SSPS are new, small structures within the existing SBWRP facility); and, where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply. The project will implement paleontological resources monitoring for grading activities in accordance with San Diego Municipal Code Section 142.0151.

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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:

- <u>Appeals filed via E-mail:</u> Send the fully completed appeal application <u>DS-3031</u> (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) via email to <u>Hearings1@sandiego.gov</u> 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) <u>Appeals filed in person</u>: Bring the fully completed appeal application <u>DS-3031</u> (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. The completed appeal form shall include the required appeal fee, with a check payable to: City Treasurer.

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