



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: September 17, 2020

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NO. / WBS No.: 21002797

PROJECT NAME: Emergency Sewer Siphon Inspection and Cleaning

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Otay Mesa-Nestor, Linda Vista, and Clairemont Mesa

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2 and 8

LOCATION: 1) Southwest of the intersection of Interstate-5 and Main St in the Otay Mesa-Nestor Community Plan Area (Council District 8), Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA), and coastal zone; 2) East of the intersection of Interstate-5 and State Route-54 in National City and National City's coastal zone; 3) On Harbor Drive at Chollas Creek in Military Facilities Community Plan Area (Council District 8), Port District, and coastal zone; 4) Southeast of the intersection of Interstate-5 and Tecolote Rd, in the Linda Vista Community Plan Area (Council District 2) and coastal zone; and 5) Northeast of the intersection of Interstate-5 and Tecolote Rd in the Clairemont Mesa Community Plan Area (Council District 2).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A sewer spill at a sewer siphon facility located at Sweetwater River occurred in April. This resulted in the release of untreated sewerage into the river and adjacent bay. It was determined the spill was the result of debris clogging the sewer siphon. To prevent further spills of this type and ensure the sewer siphons are properly functioning immediate action is necessary to inspect and clean all sewer siphons. The five sewer siphons described above have been determined to need immediate inspection, and if necessary, immediate cleaning, to prevent additional sewer spills.

Project work will include accessing existing manholes, inspecting the sewer siphon pipes and ancillary structures, and if necessary, cleaning the sewer siphon pipes. In order to inspect and clean the sewer siphons, vehicles with specialized equipment will be used to access manholes located on each side of the sewer siphon. Four of the sites are located within or directly adjacent to existing development and roadways. The sewer siphon located southwest of the intersection of Interstate-5 and Main St (Location 1) is located in an undeveloped area near the Otay River. There is existing

access to the manhole on the southside of the sewer siphon, this manhole will be used to perform the necessary inspection. If the inspection determines cleaning is needed, additional access to the northern manhole will be established.

For the project, access to the sewer infrastructure will use existing developed paths to the greatest extent feasible. In the event that additional access is needed at Location 1, access would be implemented in accordance with the City's Environmentally Sensitive Lands regulations and MHPA Land Use Adjacency Guidelines.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Statute and Guidelines Sections - Emergency Project SEC. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c).

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

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The emergency repairs are required in order to protect public health, safety and property. This determination is supported by the expert opinion of the City Engineer. The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review which determined that the project meets the statutory exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Statute and Guidelines, Sections SEC. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c).

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On August 26, 2020 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 project, contact the City Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination made by staff 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 (October 1, 2020). 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 appeal by email to Hearings1@sandiego.gov; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. The appeal application can be obtained here. 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 postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.
- 2) Appeals filed via US Mail: Send the appeal by US Mail to City Clerk/Appeal, MS 2A, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. Appeals filed by US Mail must have a United States Postal Service (USPS) postmark by the appeal deadline to be considered valid. The appeal application can be obtained here. You must separately mail the required 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 postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.

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