

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Check one or both)

TO: Recorder/County Clerk
P.O. Box 1750, MS A-33
1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 260
San Diego, CA 92101-2400

FROM: City of San Diego
Public Works Department
525 B Street, Suite 750, MS 908A
San Diego, CA 92101

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project No. / WBS No.: 644723 / B-20040.02.06

Project Name: Coast Boulevard Sea Cave
Emergency Project

Project Location-Specific: The project is located near 1210 Coast Boulevard within the Coast Boulevard public right-of-way and adjacent coast bluff and cave opening to the north below Coast Boulevard in the La Jolla Community Planning Area (Council District 1).

Project Location-City/County: San Diego/San Diego County

Description of nature and purpose of the Project: An existing sea cave void (i.e. Koch's Crack Sea Cave) located under the Coast Blvd public right-of-way is undermining a portion of Coast Boulevard. City staff observed extensive cracking in the roadway raising concerns as to the stability of the underlying soil and rock formation. An assessment of the cave and soil conditions concluded a high probability of collapse of the cave roof at any time. Recent underlying soil and geologic formation failures have created an imminent threat to public health, safety, and welfare. Immediate action is necessary to retain the City's ability to safely provide public access to existing residential and commercial business, in addition to local coastal access.

Work includes chemical grouting of terrace deposit soils between the top of the cave and the roadway and filling the cave with an erodible concrete. The contractor will drill small-diameter holes in the roadway to inject the chemical grouting and to pump concrete mixture into the cave. A temporary barrier would be installed at the entrance to the sea cave in order to stabilize the mouth of the cave (e.g. rip rap, K-rails, sand-filled geo bags). Sand and other debris would be removed from the cave prior to filling the cave cavity with erodible concrete designed to erode as the face of the bluff erodes over time. The temporary barrier materials will be removed after construction is complete. Temporary road closure is required during emergency construction. Staging will occur within the public right-of-way. Access to the cave from Coast Boulevard will occur via a temporary staircase and from the ocean side by boat. The contractor will implement storm water best management practices to prevent illicit construction-related storm water discharges from entering the ocean. Any damages occurring as a result of emergency construction activities will be replaced/repared, including, but not limited to, the roadway, sidewalk, and public utilities.

A subsequent Coastal Development Permit (CDP) is required in accordance with Section 126.0718 of the Land Development Code. The CDP application will include a request for a Site Development Permit for environmentally sensitive lands (i.e. coastal bluffs). The application for the SDP and/or CDP shall be submitted within 180 days of issuance of the emergency permit.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of San Diego

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of San Diego, Public Works Department
Contact: Sean Paver
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Exempt Status: (CHECK ONE)

Statutory Exemptions: Emergency Project – Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)

Reasons why project is exempt: 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 Guidelines, Section (SEC. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c)), which allows for actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Carrie Purcell

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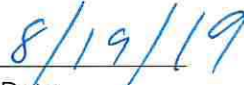
If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

It is hereby certified that the City of San Diego has determined the above activity to be exempt from CEQA



Carrie Purcell, Assistant Deputy Director



Date

Check One:

- Signed By Lead Agency
 Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing with County Clerk or OPR: