



**Date of Notice:** August 14, 2019

# **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** SDG&E Small Utility Easement for 15651 Old Milky Way

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** San Pasqual

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 5

**LOCATION:** 15651 Old Milky Way, Escondido, CA 92027

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of San Diego (City) Public Utilities Department (PUD) proposes to issue a small utility easement to San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) on City-owned property at 15651 Old Milky Way. The property is located within the San Pasqual Valley Agricultural Preserve and is currently being leased to the Giumarra Brothers Fruit Company. The total area of the easement will be 173 square feet and SDG&E is proposing to install a pad-mounted, three-phase Transformer and underground conduit/cable from an existing pole located on the property. This easement will allow the City's lessee to upgrade the electrical facilities onsite for their agricultural operations. SDG&E will adhere to the guidelines established in their Best Management Practices (BMP) Manual and their Subregional Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP). Any work associated with the upgrade of the electrical connections to the lessee's facilities would be required to obtain the necessary permits from the City and would be a separate action from the proposed easement.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), Section 15302(d) (Reconstruction or Replacement), Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee

**STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the activity to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; Section 15302(d) (Replacement or Reconstruction) which consists of

the conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities to underground including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines where the surface is restored to the condition existing prior to the undergrounding; Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) which consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure; and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees expect for forestry or agricultural purposes.

The project does not trigger any of the exceptions to the exemptions listed in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 in that no cumulative impacts were identified: no significant effects on the environment were identified; the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway; no historical resources would be affected by the action; and the project was not identified on a list of hazardous wastes sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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On August 14, 2019, 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 the 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 (**August 28, 2019**). The appeal application can be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

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

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