



Date of Notice: May 26, 2020

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

21002797

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: As-Needed Invasive Weed Management Services

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: All

COUNCIL DISTRICTS: All

LOCATION: The City of San Diego (City) Public Utilities Department's As-Needed Invasive Weed Management Services project is located within approximately 40,000 acres of watershed lands in mostly rural San Diego County (all Water and Sewer Fund Properties).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of San Diego Public Utilities Department (PUD) owns and manages nearly 40,000 acres of watershed lands in mostly rural San Diego County. This project is to provide PUD with As-Needed Invasive Weed Management Services specifically related to terrestrial invasive weed control, native biomass management, and habitat enhancement to protect natural resources on PUD lands and source waters in reservoirs. The overarching goal is aimed at protecting desirable native plant communities to prevent infestations, rather than merely controlling weeds. No significant impact to biological resources would occur as the purpose of the work is to protect natural resources and source water in reservoirs. No impact to cultural or paleontological resources would occur as grading or excavation is not proposed.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego, Public Utilities Department

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION: 15301 EXISTING FACILITIES AND 15304 MINOR ALTERATIONS TO LAND

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This exemption is based on the expert opinion and findings by the Public Utilities Department. The proposed project is considered maintenance to an existing facility/minor alteration to vegetation for the purpose of protecting natural resources and source water in reservoirs. This work will occur on existing watershed lands so it will not involve the expansion of use or will it be a major alteration to vegetation (not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees); therefore, it meets the criteria set for in CEQA sections 15301 and 15304. The project does not trigger any of the exceptions to the exemptions listed in the CEQA Guidelines § 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 significant effects to 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 May 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 determination, contact the Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determinations 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 (June 9, 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@sanidiego.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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