



Date of Notice: January 14, 2020

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

21002797

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Via Excelencia Water Main Break Emergency
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Mira Mesa
COUNCIL DISTRICTS: 6

LOCATION: The City of San Diego (City) Public Utilities Department's Via Excelencia Water Main Break Emergency Project (project) included repair of a damaged 36-inch RCSC water transmission main, located within an easement at 9682 Via Excelencia, San Diego, Council District 6, in the Mira Mesa Community Planning Area, Water Field Book Page I05S. The project is located outside the MHPA.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A 36-inch RCSC (Reinforced Concrete Steel Cylinder) water transmission main (FSN 5016267), Miramar Crossover Pipeline, broke on December 14, 2019. Construction activities on this main were conducted between December 14 and December 17, 2019 to repair the pipe to restore service, and as a result, prevented further water loss and damage to property. The discharge water (approximately 3.1 million gallons) from the main break caused erosion to landscaped slopes, sediment deposition, and flooding to several adjacent private properties and Caltrans property or right-of-way. The City's restoration contractor cleaned up the properties that included removing sediment from a drainage basin and storm drain pipe located on Caltrans' I-15 right-of-way. Removal of the sediment in the drainage basin within the Caltrans' right-of-way disturbed approximately 6,000 sq. ft. of previously developed land (bare ground and landscaped with ornamental plant species). The City's contractor will return the drainage basin to its pre-impact condition. This will include replacing the irrigation system and hydroseeding and/or re-planting the landscaping as required by Caltrans. The slopes on the adjacent private property will also be restored to pre-impact condition.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: STATUTORY EXEMPTION: 15269 (B&C) EMERGENCY PROJECT

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This emergency exemption is based on the expert opinion and findings by the Public Utilities Department. Immediate action was necessary to repair the broken pipe to restore service to the 36-inch water transmission main. This action was also necessary to prevent further damage to the surrounding property from erosion, sediment deposition, and flooding because of a pressurized water release.

Furthermore, this project meets the criteria set forth in the CEQA section 15269 (b&c) which allows for actions necessary to maintain service and to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

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On January 14, 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 determination made by staff (including the City Manager) 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 (January 29, 2020). 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.