



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: July 21, 2022

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS

PROJECT NAME: 5975 Baja Drive Sewer Main Replacement

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: College Area

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 9

LOCATION: The project is located within a public utility easement at 5975-5987 Baja Drive and adjacent private property (APN Numbers: 467-380-09-00 and 467-380-10-00), between the eastern terminus of Baja Drive and College Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A recent visual inspection of an existing 8-inch diameter concrete pipe (CP) sewer main within a public utility easement has revealed evidence of significant deterioration attributed to root intrusion which has compromised its structural integrity. The project will trim and clear vegetation within the City of San Diego's utility easement and adjacent private property to facilitate vehicular access by construction crews; and replace approximately 161 linear feet (LF) of the 8-inch diameter CP sewer main with polyvinyl chloride mains between manholes 269 and 270 by open trench, and backfill soil as necessary. Following completion of work, all areas impacted by construction will be restored to their pre-impact condition. The proposed work is the minimum necessary to protect public health and safety and stabilize the emergency. The project is not anticipated to impact environmentally sensitive lands.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 21080(b)(2) and (4) and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15269(b) and (c) (Emergency Projects).

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

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the project meets the definition of an "Emergency" as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15359 (Emergency) as the project involves a sudden, unexpected occurrence, involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services, including the repair of significant leaks from spalling and cracking concrete in the dam structure. This emergency repair is required in order to protect public health, safety and property, and is supported by the expert opinion of the City Engineer. Thus, this emergency activity is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Statute Section 21080(b)(2) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b) (Emergency Projects) which exempts emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to public health,

safety or welfare. This activity is also statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Statute Section 21080(b)(4) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) (Emergency Projects) which exempts specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

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On July 21, 2022 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 five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (by July 28, 2022). 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 fully completed appeal application [DS-3031](#) (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) via email to Hearings1@sanidiego.gov by 5:00pm on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. 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 United States Postal Service (USPS) postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.
- 2) Appeals filed in person: Bring the fully completed appeal application [DS-3031](#) (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building—Public Information Counter, 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00pm on the last day of the appeal period.

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

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