



Date of Notice: May 5, 2020

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

21002797

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Alvarado Hydroelectric Facility Rehabilitation Project Underground Electrical Easement (SDG&E)

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Navajo

COUNCIL DISTRICTS: 7

LOCATION: The City of San Diego (City) Alvarado Hydroelectric Facility Rehabilitation Easement (Project) is located at the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant, 5550 Kiowa Drive, La Mesa, CA 91942, San Diego, California, in the Navajo Community Planning Area.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: MAYORAL APPROVAL granting of an underground electrical easement to the San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) at the Alvarado Public Utilities Complex as part of the Alvarado Hydroelectric Facility Rehabilitation Project to be carried out by the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA). The easement will allow the SDCWA to install 145-feet of conduit between the new two-way switch and switch gear that will require an easement from the City of San Diego (proposed electrical facilities). All trenching and conduit installation will be completed by the San Diego County Water Authority's contractor. San Diego Gas & Electric will install the conductor and make connections at the cable pole and the two-way switch and switch gear.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically Exempt pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(2) and (3) (Common Sense Exemption) and Section 15305 (Minor Alternations in Land Use Limitations)

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Granting of the underground electric utility easement to the San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) for the proposed electric facilities at the City-owned Alvarado Public Utilities Complex associated with the Hydroelectric Facility Rehabilitation will not result a significant effect on the environment in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(2) and (3) which support the application for use of a categorical exemption by the lead agency after it has determined that the activity is a project subject to CEQA and exempt under the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Further, this activity meets the criteria set forth in the following categorical exemption pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 (Minor Alternations in Land Use Limitations) which consists of minor alternations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density.

Application of these exemptions is appropriate and is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in 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 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. Additionally, the construction activities for the electric facilities project associated within the proposed easement was evaluated and determined to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) on January 8, 2018 by the San Diego County Water Authority as Lead Agency under CEQA for the "San Diego 12 FCF/Alvarado Hydroelectric Facility Rehabilitation (Q0333-J0302)".

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On May 5, 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 City Contact 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 (**May 19, 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@sandiego.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 of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Myra Herrmann, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123**. 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 of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Myra Herrmann, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123**. The appeal filing fee must be postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.

If you have any questions regarding the procedures to file the appeal, please contact **Myra Herrmann** at mherrmann@sandiego.gov.

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