



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: June 1, 2022

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS

IO# 30006617

PROJECT NAME: Balboa Park Water Main Emergency Repair

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Balboa Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

LOCATION: The project is located in the southwest corner of Balboa Park, between the State Route 163 (SR-163) South off-ramp to Interstate 5 (I-5) North and the Fire Alarm Building at 1945 Eighth Avenue, San Diego CA 92101.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: On November 21, 2021, a segment of 24-inch diameter water transmission main pipeline located within the southwest corner of Balboa Park experienced a failure that caused the water main to rupture underneath an embankment north of the SR-163 South off-ramp to I-5 North. The main rupture resulted in an uncontrolled spill of pressurized water flow which was eventually shut off and temporarily repaired, but not before causing substantial erosion to the embankment, which extends into Caltrans right-of-way.

In order to repair the water main and restore the eroded embankment, this emergency project proposes the following scope of work: repair of a pipe joint 80 feet north of the previous water main replacement, replacement of an approximately 120-foot segment of 24-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) storm drain, surface repair within the fenced area of the adjacent Fire Alarm Building, and erosion control of any excavated areas not located within Caltrans right-of-way. Construction work will occur within developed areas and disturbed habitat.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Statute 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. This emergency project 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 June 1, 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 CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk within 5 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**June 8, 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.