



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE OF NOTICE: December 29, 2022

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SAP No.: 21005190

The City of San Diego (City), as Lead Agency, has prepared a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following proposed project and is inviting your comments regarding the adequacy of the document. The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated technical appendices have been placed on the City's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) web-site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/ceqa/draft>.

HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Comments on this draft Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received by close of business on January 28, 2023 to be included in the final document considered by the decision-making authorities. When submitting comments, please reference the project name and number City of San Diego Dam Maintenance Program/No. 696140). The City requests that all comments be provided electronically via email at: DSDEAS@SanDiego.gov. However, if a hard copy submittal is necessary, it may be submitted to: **Jeffrey Szymanski, City of San Diego Development Services Center, 1222 First Avenue, MS 501, San Diego, CA 92101.**

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION:

- Project Name: CITY OF SAN DIEGO DAM MAINTENANCE PROGRAM
- Project No. 696140
- SCH No. Pending
- Community Plan Area: Black Mountain Ranch, Mid-City: Eastern, Navajo, Rancho Bernardo, San Pasqual, and Scripps Ranch
- Council District: 4,5,7

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (SDP) to allow for the City of San Diego (City) Public Utilities Department (PUD) to implement the Dam Maintenance Program (Project) consisting of oversight and maintenance activities at 13 of the City's dams, Dulzura Conduit, and associated infrastructure located throughout San Diego County. PUD owns and manages 13 dams, spillways, and associated infrastructure, including the approximately 13-mile Dulzura Conduit. These facilities are part of the City's drinking water infrastructure and are subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD), which is part of the California Department of Water Resources. The DSOD oversees dam safety in California with the goal of avoiding dam failure which could lead to potential loss of life and destruction of property. As part of the dam safety program, the DSOD completes detailed inspections and reports of the City's dams to identify on-going issues such as vegetation removal, grading, dredging, and repairs to infrastructure and may request certain maintenance work to be performed to improve dam safety. **The site is not included on any Government Code listing of hazardous waste sites.**

APPLICANT: City of San Diego Public Utilities Department

RECOMMENDED FINDING: The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration determined the proposed project would result in significant environmental effects in the following areas: **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND NOISE**

AVAILABILITY IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT: To request this Notice, the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and/or supporting documents in alternative format, please email the Development Services Department at DSDEASNoticing@sandiego.gov. Your request should include the suggested recommended format that will assist with the review of documents.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For environmental review information, contact Jeff Szymanski at (619) 466-3402. For information regarding public meetings/hearings on this project, contact Development Project Manager, Catherine Rom, at (619) 446-5277. This Notice was published in the SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT and distributed on December 29, 2022.

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