

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

(Check one or both)

TO:  RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK  
P.O.BOX 1750, MS A-33  
1600 PACIFIC HWY, ROOM 260  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101-2422

FROM: CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT  
9192 TOPAZ WAY  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

\_\_\_\_ OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH  
1400 TENTH STREET, ROOM 121  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

**PROJECT NO.:** N/A                    **PROJECT TITLE:** LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT INVENTORY AND INVESTIGATION

**PROJECT LOCATION-SPECIFIC:** City-wide (all Council Districts) – lead service line replacement inventory and investigation on the privately-owned customer side of water meter (approximately 4,000 connections).

**PROJECT LOCATION-CITY/COUNTY:** San Diego/County of San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT:** The project proposes approval of a State Revolving Funds (SRF) loan application to compile an inventory and investigation of lead service lines for privately-owned water services. Publicly owned lead services were installed in the City of San Diego (City) through the mid-1900s when cast iron and copper service lines became standard; however, the City has not inventoried nor replaced lead services on the privately-owned customer side of the water meter as it was not a regulatory requirement at the time. In accordance with the EPA’s recent Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR), the project will develop a Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI). The City has engaged an engineering consultant to develop a Customer Service Line Inventory Plan that leverages existing data from City records with additional data sources related to lead service lines. This Inventory Plan is currently in place and the consultant has begun the investigation and inventory phase of the project. Concurrently, the project proposes development of a plan to replace any lead service lines discovered by July 22, 2031, which is 10 years after the effective date of the LCRR Act. Physical replacement of the lead service lines is not part of the project and will be subject to future environmental review.

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** City of San Diego Public Utilities Department

**NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** City of San Diego - Public Utilities Department  
9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, CA 92123; Project Manager: Michael Voss (858) 654-4246

**EXEMPT STATUS: (CHECK ONE)**

- MINISTERIAL (SEC. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- DECLARED EMERGENCY (SEC. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- EMERGENCY PROJECT (SEC. 21080(b)(4))
- CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION:
- STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS: **15262 FEASIBILITY AND PLANNING STUDIES**

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies. The work is limited to inventory and investigation only; and where the exceptions listed in CEQA Section 15300.2 would not apply 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 historical resources would be affected by the action; and the project was not identified on a list of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Dirk Smith, Senior Planner, Public Utilities Department, Telephone:  
(858)614-5722

**IF FILED BY APPLICANT:**

1. ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING.
2. HAS A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BEEN FILED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT?  
( ) Yes ( ) No

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO HAS DETERMINED THE ABOVE ACTIVITY TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA**

*Dirk Smith*, SENIOR PLANNER

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SIGNATURE/TITLE

SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

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DATE

**CHECK ONE:**

- SIGNED BY LEAD AGENCY  
 SIGNED BY APPLICANT

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING WITH COUNTY CLERK OR OPR: