



# City of Del Mar

## Planning and Community Development Department

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO:  State of California  
Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044  
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FROM: City of Del Mar  
Planning Department  
1050 Camino Del Mar  
Del Mar, CA 92014

County Clerk  
County of San Diego  
220 West Broadway  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Project Title:** Utility Undergrounding District 1A – Stratford Court South Project

**Project Location:** City of Del Mar- Stratford Court between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Street and alleys off Stratford in this range; west of Camino Del Mar. Minor grading and retaining walls at the Right of Way in front of 639, 717 and 1105 Stratford Court and two located off Stratford Court at the property addressed 215 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Location (County):** County of San Diego

**Project Description:**

The project includes the undergrounding of public utilities where the surface will be restored to the existing condition. Additionally, there are five locations in the City Right of Way, adjacent to the private properties at 639, 717 and 1105 Stratford Court and two located off Stratford Court at the property addressed 215 9<sup>th</sup> Street where minor grading and retaining walls (between 2.2 and 4.8 feet in height) are required in order to provide the required clearance from the slope behind for access to undergrounded utility facilities.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Del Mar

**Name of Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Del Mar, Planning and Community Development Department

**Exempt Status (check one)**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080 (b)(3); 15269(a);
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080 (b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption (State type and section number):

**§15302(d) - Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction; and  
§15304 - Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land**

None of the six exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption would apply to this project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2) and the project has been designed to avoid sensitive environmental resources.

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: N/A

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed project has been analyzed and determined to be Categorical Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(d) (Class 2) in that the project includes the conversion of overhead electric utility distribution systems to underground and includes restoring the surface to the existing condition; and CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4) in that any grading required to provide access to utilities will be done on land that has a slope less than ten percent, and therefore constitutes a minor alteration in the condition of the land and the project. The proposed project has been designed based on recommendations in an Arborist's Report titled "City of Del Mar Assessment of Torrey Pines" prepared by West Coast Arborists dated June 3, 2021 to avoid impacts and/or the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees as a result of the proposed activities (report is on-file with the City of Del Mar, 1050 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, CA 92014). It has been further determined that none of the six exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption would apply to this project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2) and the project has been designed to avoid sensitive environmental resources.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Jennifer Gavin, Associate Planner

**Lead Agency Phone Number:** (858) 755-9313

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach a Certified Document of Exemption Finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  
 Yes  No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12/7/2023 Title: Jennifer, Gavin Associate Planner

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Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_