

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk  
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices  
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260, MS A-33  
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works  
Environmental Services Unit  
**Attn: Samantha Mayer**  
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, MS O-332  
San Diego, CA 92123

**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: 8575 E. Los Coches Road CMP Failure Emergency Project

Project Location: The emergency repair project is within Unincorporated San Diego County at 8575 E. Los Coches Road

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works  
5510 Overland Ave, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The project includes the repair, replacement, and or relining of a failed 220-foot section of corrugated metal pipe and the fill repair of a sinkhole.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Jonathan Wright Telephone:(858) 385-4805

Date Form Completed: February 16, 2024

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Department of Public Works has approved the above-described project on February 15, 2024 and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

**Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA (“C”) and/or State CEQA Guidelines (“G”): (check only one)**

- Categorical Exemption:** Sec. G
- Declared Emergency:** Sec. C 21080(b)(3)
- Emergency Project:** Sec. G 15269(a)
- General:** Sec. C.
- Ministerial:** Sec. C 21080(b)(1); G 15268
- Preliminary Review:** Sec. G
- Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

**Statement of reasons why project is exempt:** The project includes the repair, replacement, and or relining of a failed 220-foot section of corrugated metal pipe (CMP) and the fill repair of a sinkhole caused by a vehicle breaking through asphalt and CMP as a direct result of recent significant rainstorms. On January 23, 2024, the Governor proclaimed a state of emergency in San Diego to support recovery from winter storms. The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA review per section 15269(a) Emergency Project: Projects to maintain, repair, restore, demolish or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster-stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with Section 8550 of the government code.

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The following is to be completed only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (858) 385-4805

Name (Print): Jonathan Wright Title: Land Use Environmental Planner III

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.