## **Notice of Exemption**

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**From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92108

Project Title: eTS 59803 TL 618/619 Access Road Erosion Repair Project

**Project Applicant:** San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E)

**Project Location – Specific:** The Project is located in Navajo Canyon Open Space Park in the vicinity of the Del Cerro Community in the City of San Diego, San Diego County, California 92120 and west of the intersection of Waring Road and Adobe Falls Road. The Project's center coordinates are latitude 32.782856, longitude -117.086253.

Project Location - City: San Diego Project Location: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of the Project is to repair and improve an existing access road at three locations (Sties 1, 2, and 3) where it crosses Navajo Canyon Creek and one of its tributaries to ensure that SDG&E vehicles can safely access the transmission lines for maintenance and emergency response year-round. The construction activities include grading to resurface the road, stabilizing a channel bank, and constructing two low water crossings made of at-grade reinforced concrete pavement to repair erosion and/or restore water flow across the access road to the historic stream channel. Temporary impacts to aquatic resources will be restored to pre-project contours and revegetated and unavoidable permanent impacts will be compensated through the purchase of compensatory mitigation bank credits.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Persons or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tamara Spear, Senior Environmental Specialist, SDG&E

## 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)).
- X Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: <u>Class 1, Section 15301</u>
- \_ Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason why project is exempt:** The Project is exempt because it proposes to repair and maintain a private electric power utility's existing facility through minor alteration of road surfaces and adjacent topographical features that involves no expansion of the existing use.

Lead Agency

**Contact Person:** Lisa Honma

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** <u>619-521-3367</u>

## If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
- Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?Yes or \_ No

## Signature:

Title:	Executive	Officer

X Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR:

\_ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resource Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resource Code. Revised 2011