

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
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 County Assessor/Recorder/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: ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS AND ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR JAMACHA FORCE MAIN AND GRAVITY MAIN SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 1)

Project Location: Community of La Presa in Spring Valley, California

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works  
5500 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The proposed action involves approval to advertise and award a construction contract to upgrade an existing 12-inch force main along Jamacha Boulevard with a dual 18-inch force main of approximately 4,500 linear feet, and replacement of a deteriorated gravity sewer main of approximately 400 linear feet located west of Grand Avenue and Sacramento Avenue. The updated infrastructure includes new sewer maintenance holes, new piping work at the pump station yard, and new sewer plug valves. Construction will occur within existing disturbed or developed areas and pathways.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Cynthia Curtis, Project Manager Telephone: (619) 981-6294

Date Form Completed: July 17, 2024

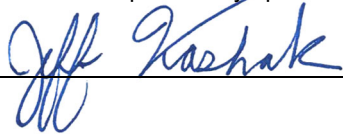
This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Directors, San Diego County Sanitation District (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on July 17, 2024 (#SA01) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

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

- Categorical Exemption:** Sec. G – Existing Facilities
- Declared Emergency:** Sec. C 21080(b)(3); Sec. G 15269(a)
- Emergency Project:** Sec. C 21080(b)(4); Sec. G 15269(b)(c)
- 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:** Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from CEQA review actions consisting of the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use." This includes publicly owned existing facilities used to provide sanitation services. The key consideration in applying this exemption is whether the proposed activities involve expansion of an existing use. The proposed project consists of award of a construction contract to allow for rehabilitation of existing sewer facilities. Therefore, the project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines because it involves the maintenance of existing public facilities, involving no or negligible expansion of existing use.

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

Signature:  Telephone: (858) 288-5740

Name (Print): Jeff Kashak Title: Environmental Planning Manager

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.