

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: AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR SUNSET AVENUE RETAINING WALL PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA DOCUMENT (DISTRICT: 4)

Project Location: 9806 Sunset Avenue, La Mesa 91941 (APN #4915811900)

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
5500 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The project consists of approval of advertisement and subsequent award of a construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to replace an existing failed roadway-adjacent retaining wall structure in the County's right-of-way, construction of a roadway curb for stormwater conveyance, roadway resurfacing, and installation of a chain-link fence segment along the roadway/private property to replace existing damaged fence.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Stefania Castillo, Project Manager Telephone: (858) 287-1361

Date Form Completed: July 17, 2024

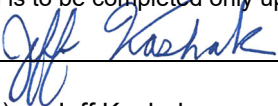
This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above-described project on July 17, 2024 (#03) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

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

- Categorical Exemption:** Sec. G 15301 – 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 activities related to operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing facilities. The key consideration in applying this exemption is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing use. Also, Section 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from CEQA review activities consisting of minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation, with the key consideration involving preservation of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. The proposed project involves repair and reconstruction of an existing failed retaining wall within the County's right-of-way located on Sunset Avenue in La Mesa, CA. The project also includes road resurfacing of a segment of Sunset Avenue adjacent to the retaining wall. The project is categorically exempt in accordance with Sections 15301 and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines because it involves minor alteration of existing public facilities, with no expansion of existing or former use, and involves minor alteration of public land without removal of mature trees. Therefore, the project is categorically exempt from CEQA review in accordance with Sections 15301 and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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.