

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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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: Annisa Busch
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 ISSUE REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD CONTRACTS FOR AS-NEEDED ENGINEERING DESIGN, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: ALL)

Project Location: Countywide, County of San Diego

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

Project Description: The proposed action includes adoption of a resolution authorizing issuance of a Request for Statement of Qualifications to negotiate and award up to four contracts for as-needed contracted professional services. The maximum combined amount for the contracts is estimated at \$10 million annually for a one-year initial term with four one-year options for a total capacity to not to exceed \$50 million over a five-year period.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: William P. Morgan Telephone: 858-694-3087

Date Form Completed: September 26, 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 September 25, 2024 (#1) 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); 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 15060 (c)(3)
- Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) exempts activities from CEQA review that are not considered projects as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, such as government funding or fiscal activities that do not involve commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact to the environment. Today's action seeks Board of Supervisors authorization to issue a Request for Statement of Qualifications and negotiate and award consulting contracts. It does not guarantee that any projects will be constructed. Once future projects are ultimately selected and proposed, they would be subject to further CEQA review prior to construction. As such, the proposed action is a funding or fiscal activity exempt from CEQA review by Section 15060(c)(3) 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: (619) 415-9920

Name (Print): Emily Roberts 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.