



City of Del Mar

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, #260
San Diego, CA 92101

Project Title: San Dieguito Drive Improvement Project
Project Location-Specific: San Dieguito Drive from Racetrack View Drive to Oribia Road
Project Location-City: Del Mar
Project Location-County: County of San Diego

Project Description: The Project proposes improvements to San Dieguito Drive between Racetrack View Drive and Oribia Road to upgrade the private road to City of Del Mar public roadway design standards. All improvements would be completed within the limits of an existing 60-foot wide public easement. The affected roadway segment is approximately 1,000 feet in length, 18 to 20 feet wide (improved width), and has a low point along the center line. The road is lined with several gravel areas currently used as off-street parallel parking. The proposed improvements would extend the road surface to 23 feet in width, create a crown along the center line, and install rolled concrete curbs along each side. Outside of the travel way, gravel areas would be surfaced with additional gravel to maintain adjacent surface parking. Areas where soils are disturbed or exposed would be native hydroseeded to reduce the potential for erosion. Proposed drainage improvements at the intersection of San Dieguito Drive/Racetrack View Drive would include construction of an additional inlet; improvements to an existing inlet; and installation of a modular wetland, as well as replacement of an existing storm drain pipeline. Additionally, a 36-foot long masonry block retaining wall (ranging from 1 foot, 3 inches to 3 feet, 8 inches) would be constructed behind the storm drain inlet located on the west side of San Dieguito Drive, and a splash pad would be constructed near the San Dieguito Drive/Oribia Road intersection to direct water flows into the new curb line. An existing landscaping block wall located in the southern portion of the alignment (along the western side of San Dieguito Drive) would be relocated and reconstructed as a landscaping block wall, to its original length of 130 feet and height of one foot, along the edge of the proposed rolled curb.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Del Mar

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Del Mar

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));
 Categorical Exemption (State type and section number): §15301(d) – Class 1, Existing Facilities;
15302(c) – Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction; §15304(b) - Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land.
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: N/A

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

The Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, exempts projects involving the “operation, repair, maintenance...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.” Examples include existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities; and restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged facilities to meet current standards of public health and safety. Additionally, Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction, exempts projects that involve the “replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced” (i.e., roadway replacement and storm drain improvements). Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land, also applies as the areas disturbed by the proposed improvements would be restored with pavement, gravel (surface parking), and/or hydroseeded to minimize erosion. A total of 5 trees would be removed along San Dieguito Drive; however, such trees are ornamental and not considered to have scenic value. None of the exceptions listed under CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 apply to the Project and no unusual circumstances are present that could lead to a significant environmental effect. This justification is supported by the report entitled “Categorical Exemption Evaluation Report” on file with the City of Del Mar.

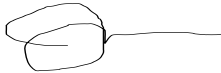
Lead Agency Contact Person: Jennifer Gavin, Associate Planner

Lead Agency Phone Number: (858) 793-6148

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach a Certified Document of Exemption Finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:



Date: October 8, 2024 Title: Jennifer Gavin, Associate Planner

X Signed by Lead Agency
___ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____