

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING UPDATES TO THE SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (DISTRICTS: 1, 2 & 4)

Project Location: Unincorporated areas of San Diego County

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The California State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) published the statewide waste discharge requirements (WDR) order, which issued updated regulations for sanitary sewer systems (SSOs). On December 6, 2022, the SWRCB issued a new WDR: WQ 2022-0103-DWQ. The County of San Diego Sanitation District (District) updated their Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) which will comply with the requirements imposed by the WDRs and other governing agencies.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Samir Nuhaily Telephone: 619-507-7754

Date Form Completed: April 23, 2025


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 April 23, 2025 (#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: The proposed action is to adopt a resolution approving updates to the SSMP in accordance with SWRCB WDR. The plan summarizes the San Diego County Sanitation District wastewater related policies and procedures to remain in compliance with the most current federal, state, and/or local regulations. Section 15060 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines provides that an action is not a project subject to CEQA review if the action will not result in a reasonably foreseeable direct or indirect physical change in the environment or is not a project as defined in Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines. Section 15378 provides that organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment are not projects. The updates to the SSMP are a purely administrative matter that will not have any effect on the physical environment and is not a CEQA project.

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.