



**CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS
and
NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

Project: Sewer Point Repairs by the City of Coronado at Centre City Embarcadero
Location: 500-518 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92101
Parcel No.: 018-054 and 018-055
Project No.: 2020-110
Applicant: Andrew Balane, Civil Engineering Designer, Psomas, 401 B Street, San Diego, CA 92101
Date Approved: Nov 17, 2020

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would involve sewer point repairs by Psomas, authorized agent on behalf of the City of Coronado (Applicant), in the City of San Diego, California. Work to specifically complete the proposed project would involve spot repair of two (2) portions of existing 24-inch (in.) subsurface vitrified clay pipe (VCP) within Kettner Boulevard, north of Market Place intersection at Seaport Village, and adjacent to and west of the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego leasehold. At the first location, the existing pipe obstruction will be cut and removed using robotic trench-less equipment and a six (6) foot (ft.) minimum ultra violet (UV) spot liner will be installed over the spiral fracture. At the second broken portion, a 16 ft. minimum UV pipe liner will be installed over the longitudinal fractures. All repair work will be trench less and would not require any excavation. Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to occur in Winter 2021 and would take approximately two weeks to complete. During the repair work, the Coronado Transbay Pump Station, to which this sewer line is connected, will be shut down and the sewer flow will be stopped. Nightly work schedule is anticipated to occur from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. with the Transbay Pump Station shut down occurring from 12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.

Due to its nature and limited scope, construction of the proposed project would generate a minor amount of vehicle trips and would require limited use of equipment. Therefore, significant impacts related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation and traffic are not anticipated to occur. Furthermore, the Applicant would be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding construction demolition debris, hazards and hazardous materials, and stormwater.

The following categorical determinations are based on the project submittal and all project information known to the District as of the date of this determination.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exemptions: SG §15301, Class 1/Section 3.a: Existing Facilities; and SG §15302, Class 2/Section 3.b: Replacement or Reconstruction

3.a. Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1): Includes operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to:

- (7) Existing facilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility service.

AND/OR

3.b. Replacement or Reconstruction (SG § 15302) (Class 2): Includes replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure being replaced.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the Sections of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above. These are appropriate for the proposed project because it consists of trenchless repair of portions of existing

sewer line, would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, would be located on the same site as the structure reconstructed, and would have substantially the same purpose and capacity. The District has determined none of the six exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption apply to this project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2).

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, a 35-day statute of limitations for this CEQA exemption shall apply from the date a Notice of Exemption is posted with the San Diego County Clerk, or a 180-day statute of limitations for this CEQA exemption shall apply if no Notice of Exemption is filed.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT

PORT MASTER PLAN CONSISTENCY

Planning District: 3 - Centre City Embarcadero (Precise Plan Figure 11)

Land Use Designations: Streets; and Commercial Recreation

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve trenchless repair of portions of existing sewer line, consistent with the existing certified Land use designations. The proposed project would not change the use of the site nor would it interrupt or expand the existing conforming use of the site.

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exclusions: Section 8.a: Existing Facilities; and Section 8.b: Replacement or Reconstruction

8.a. Existing Facilities: 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 use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to:

- (2) Public and private utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewer, or other utility services

AND/OR

8.b. Replacement or Reconstruction: Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located essentially on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Excluded pursuant to the Sections of the District's *Coastal Development Permit Regulations* as identified above. These are appropriate for the proposed project because it consists of trenchless repair of portions of existing sewer line, would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, would be located essentially on the same site as the structure reconstructed, and would have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

Pursuant to California Coastal Act Section 30717, there is a 10-working-day period to appeal this "Coastal Act Categorical Determination of Exclusion" to the California Coastal Commission.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE

The proposed project complies with Section 87.(a)(4) of the Port Act, which allows for the construction, reconstruction, repair, and maintenance of highways, streets, roadways, bridges, belt line railroads, parking facilities, power, telephone, telegraph or cable lines or landings, water and gas pipelines, and all other transportation and utility facilities or betterments incidental, necessary, or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of any of the uses set forth in this section. The Port Act was enacted by the California Legislature and is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. Consequently, the proposed project is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine.

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President/CEO

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Signature: Michael Paul
Date: Nov 17, 2020

Deputy General Counsel

Signature: Rebecca S. Harrington
Date: Nov 17, 2020