

# CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS and NOTICE OF APPROVAL

Project: Installation of Repeater Control Box and Antenna by San Diego Gas & Electric on

Harbor Drive

Location: Harbor Drive, 11th Pole Southwest of Sigsbee Railyard in Tenth Avenue Marine

**Terminal District** 

<u>Parcel No.</u>: 020-004 Project No.: 2022-036

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Date Approved:

# **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed project would involve the installation of a repeater controller box, antenna, and supporting equipment onto an existing pole (P1960872224), located on Harbor Drive close to Sigsbee Railyard by San Diego Gas & Electric in the city of San Diego, California. Work specifically to complete the project would include:

- Install an approximately 6 ft crossarm onto the pole at approximately 30'
- Install a repeater control box (approximately 24"x24"x24") onto the pole at approximately 10"
- Install antenna and connectors

The staging area for the line truck will be along the shoulder of the road next to the pole. A lane closure closest to the shoulder on Harbor Drive will be required during construction, however one lane will be open for traffic flow at all times.

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in Spring or Summer 2022 and last approximately two days (may or may not be consecutive), with any ongoing installations, modifications, maintenance, and removal as needed. 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, 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 §15303, Class 3/Section 3.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; and SG §15301, Class 1/Section 3.a: Existing Facilities

- 3.c. New Construction of Conversion of Small Structures (SG § 15303) (Class 3): Includes construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and conversion of existing small structures from one use to another with minor modifications to the exterior of the structure. Examples of this exemption include:
  - (3) Water, sewer, electrical, gas, telephone, and other utility structures or facilities.

#### AND/OR

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

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 would consist of the installation of small new electrical equipment on a previously existing pole. 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: 4 - Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal (Precise Plan Figure 13)

Land Use Designation: Streets

The portion of the proposed project located within the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) jurisdiction of the District conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve installation of small electrical equipment on a previously existing pole consistent with the existing certified land use designation. The proposed project would not change the use of the site nor would it interrupt or expand the existing conforming uses of the site.

### CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exclusions: Section 8.a: Existing Facilities and Section 8.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

- 8.a. <u>Existing Facilities</u>: 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.c. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation of small, new equipment and facilities, involving negligible or no change of existing use of the property, including but not limited to:
  - (2) Water main, sewer, electrical, gas, or other utility extensions of reasonable length to serve such construction

The portion of the proposed project located within the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) jurisdiction of the District 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 would involve negligible or no change of existing use of the property.

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.

For the portion of the proposed project located outside of the District's CDP jurisdiction, additional approvals may be required from other agencies.

# **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.

JOE STUYVESANT President/CEO

<u>Determination by:</u>

Abigail Haynam Assistant Planner

Development Services

Deputy/Assistant General Counsel

Signature: Aligail Haynam

Date: May 26, 2022

Signature: Rebecca Harrington

Date: May 26, 2022