



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

Project: Opening Structures to Conduct a Survey by San Diego Gas and Electric along North Harbor Drive
Location: North Harbor Drive between Harbor Island Drive and West Laurel Street
Parcel No.: Various
Project No.: 2022-114
Applicant: Jack Dullaghan, Project Manager, Airport Design & Construction, AECOM, San Diego International Airport, 3707 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101
Date Approved: Dec 29, 2022

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would involve assessing available electrical knockouts and connections by San Diego Gas and Electric (Applicant) in the city of San Diego, California. Work to specifically complete the proposed project would involve assessing electrical knockouts and connections availability by accessing through various manhole and switch locations along Harbor Drive. The manholes and switches are to be opened as a part of an Engineering Field Check Request (EFCR) survey. Staging for this project would be located along North Harbor Drive. A pump truck and two crew members will be required for this project. At least one lane will remain open at all times throughout construction. The proposed survey is anticipated to occur in Winter 2022 and would take approximately one (1) day to complete, starting at approximately 8 a.m. and finishing within approximately 8 hours.

Due to its nature and limited scope, 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 Exemption: SG §15306, Class 6/Section 3.f: Information Collection

- 3.f. Information Collection (SG § 15306) (Class 6): Includes basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which has not yet been approved, adopted or funded.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the section of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above. These are appropriate for the proposed project because it is for the purpose of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. 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: 2 - Harbor Island/Lindbergh Field (Precise Plan Figure 9)

Land Use Designation: Streets

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve opening existing structures for an EFCR survey 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 Exclusion: Section 8.e: Information Collection

8.e. Information Collection: Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major significant disturbance to an environmental resource.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Excluded pursuant to the section of the District's *Coastal Development Permit Regulations* as identified above. This is appropriate for the proposed project because it would not result in a serious or major significant disturbance to an environmental resource.

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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Date: Dec 29, 2022

Deputy/Assistant General Counsel

Signature: Rebecca Harrington
Date: Dec 27, 2022