



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

Project: Installation of Gas Pipe Test Sites by San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) on Harbor Island  
Location: 2150 Harbor Island Drive and 880 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego, CA, 92101  
Parcel No.: 005-017 and 005-001 and 007-017  
Project No.: 2023-0004  
Applicant: Angela Whitaker, Associate Field Utility Specialist, SDG&E, 4949 Greencraig Lane, San Diego, CA 92123  
Date Approved: Feb 9, 2023

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed project involves installation of two gas pipe monitoring sites by SDG&E (Applicant) in the city of San Diego, California to monitor existing gas pipes. Work to specifically complete the proposed project involves the digging of two holes, approximately 3 foot x 3 foot in dimension, to provide access to existing gas pipe. The first location will be on the west end of Harbor Island and that hole will be hand dug in a dirt medium. The second location will be on the east end of Harbor Island and that hole will be machine dug to get past the asphalt medium and then hand dug around the gas pipe itself.

The Applicant will weld copper wire to the gas pipe at each location and the wire will then be threaded into existing valve cans with lids. All disturbance of soil and asphalt will be backfilled and returned to near existing conditions. The Applicant will be able to access the valve in the future and take readings on the wires to monitor the cathodic protection of the gas line.

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to occur in early 2023 and would take approximately four (4) days to complete by a single gas crew. 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.

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**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

**CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION**

Categorical Exemptions: SG §15301, Class 1/Section 3.a: Existing Facilities

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 Section of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above. This is appropriate for the proposed project because it would consist of minor alteration to an existing gas pipe with no expansion of use. 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: Commercial Recreation

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve installation of gas pipe testing sites 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

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

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 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.

**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

Determination by:  
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Date: Feb 9, 2023

Assistant/Deputy General Counsel

Signature: Rebecca Harrington  
Date: Feb 9, 2023