



CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS and NOTICE OF APPROVAL

Project: Sewer Manhole Cleaning & Rehabilitation by the City of San Diego at Headquarters
Location: 500 Kettner Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101
Parcel No.: 018-053
Project No.: 2025-099
Applicant: Leroy Pham, Junior Engineer, City of San Diego, 8525 Gibbs Drive, Suite 302, San Diego, CA, (619) 533-3051
Date Approved: 10/2/2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would involve the cleaning and rehabilitation of one (1) sewer manhole by the City of San Diego in the city of San Diego, California. Work to specifically complete the proposed project would involve:

- Pressure washing the inside of the manhole
- Removing root intrusion and corrosion
- Repairing interior walls, benches and channels
- Removing existing metal steps and existing lining

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to occur in late 2026 and would take approximately one (1) week to complete. During cleaning activities, there would be a partial lane closure of Kettner Blvd around the manhole during normal business hours, as-needed. The applicant would provide adequate signage for the lane closure, as well as notify adjacent businesses about the lane closure.

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 Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1)/District Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA Section 3.a: Existing Facilities

- 3.a. Existing Facilities: 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(s) of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above because it would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing and would not result in a significant cumulative impact due to the continuation of the existing 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: 3 - Centre City Embarcadero (Precise Plan Figure 11);

Land Use Designation: Streets;

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve cleaning and maintenance of a sewer manhole, consistent with the existing certified Land Use designation(s). 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

(3) Streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian paths, and similar facilities

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Excluded pursuant to the Section(s) of the District's *Coastal Development Permit Regulations* as identified above because it would involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing.

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 Coastal Act approval authority, additional approvals may be required from other agencies.

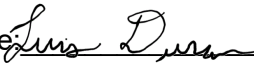
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE

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.


SCOTT CHADWICK
President/CEO

Determination by:

Luis Duran
Senior Planner
Development Services

Signature: 
Date: 10/2/2025

Assistant/Deputy General Counsel

Signature: 
Date: 10/2/2025