

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260, MS A-33
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
Environmental Services Unit
Attn: Annisa Busch
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, MS O-332
San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: Amend Grant Agreement with the San Diego Regional Policy & Innovation Center to Allocate \$2 million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Climate-Resilient Green Stormwater Infrastructure Demonstration Projects and No CEQA Related Exemptions (District: All)

Project Location: Countywide, County of San Diego

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The proposed action amends the current grant agreement with San Diego Regional Policy & Innovation Center (SDRPIC) to add the \$2 Million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that were allocated to DPW for community-focused stormwater improvement partnerships, increasing the grant agreement total from \$4.5 Million to \$6.5 Million for SDRPIC's three ARPA-funded projects. DPW's ARPA funding for the community-focused stormwater improvement partnership project be combined with the SDRPIC climate-resilient green infrastructure demonstration project to streamline permitting and construction activities and maximize the positive impact that this funding will have on the community of Spring Valley and beyond.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: William Morgan Telephone: 858-694-3087

Date Form Completed: October 23, 2024

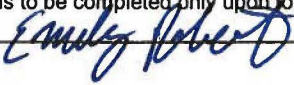
This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above-described project on October 23, 2024 (#2) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- Categorical Exemption: Sec. G
- Declared Emergency: Sec. C 21080(b)(3); Sec. G 15269(a)
- Emergency Project: Sec. C 21080(b)(4); Sec. G 15269(b)(c)
- General: Sec. C.
- Ministerial: Sec. C 21080(b)(1); G 15268
- Preliminary Review: Sec. G 15060 (c)(3)
- Statutory Exemption: Sec. G

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) exempts certain activities from CEQA review if they are not considered "projects" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. This includes government funding or fiscal activities that do not involve a commitment to a specific project, as they do not trigger CEQA review requirements. Today's action seeks Board approval to amend an existing grant agreement with the San Diego Regional Policy & Innovation Center. Currently, potential projects identified by SDRPIC are at the concept phase. Today's action does not constitute approval of a specific project or set of projects, nor guarantee which projects will be constructed. As such, the proposed action is a funding or fiscal activity exempt from CEQA review by Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. Projects will be subject to further CEQA review prior to construction.

The following is to be completed only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: (619) 415-9920

Name (Print): Emily Roberts Title: Land Use / Environmental Planner III

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.