

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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: **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE FOR THE FORMATION OF THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT (UUD) FOR BONITA ROAD PHASE 4 IN THE COMMUNITY OF SWEETWATER AND RELATED CEQA FINDING (5/7/25 – FIRST READING; 05/21/25 – SECOND READING AND ADOPTION) (DISTRICT: 1)**

Project Location: Bonita Road, 400-ft southwest of Frisbie Street to San Miguel Road, Sweetwater, County of San Diego

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 370, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: To adopt a resolution in the creation of the Underground Utility District (UUD) for the final Bonita Road Phase 4 Project. This project was part of a proposed 4 phased Bonita Road corridor project that was identified by the County and qualified for the Electric Tariff Rule 20A Program that occurred in the early 2000s. This program sets aside funds in the form of credits to underground the investor-owned utility lines in areas that meet specific criteria. The Bonita Road Phase 4 Project extends from 400-ft southwest of Frisbie Street to the intersection of Bonita Road and San Miguel Road. The UUD will cover approximately 2,600 linear feet along the road and will lead to the removal of 24 utility poles.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego - 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 370, San Diego, CA 92123

County Contact Person: Samir Nuhaily Telephone: 619-507-7754

Date Form Completed: May 21, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above-described project on May 21, 2025 (#1) 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 15378 (b)(5) – organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.
- Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines provides that the proposed action is not subject to CEQA because it is an administrative activity that does not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. The action involves the adoption of a resolution and ordinance to form an Underground Utility District (UUD) for Bonita Road Phase 4. The establishment of a UUD is a procedural step that does not itself authorize, approve, or commit the County to specific construction activities; as such, the action is not subject to CEQA.

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

Signature:  Telephone: (619)241-5059
Name (Print): Kimberly Jones Title: Environmental Planning Manager

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.