

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: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONFIRM FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 LEVIES IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ZONES NO. 1 – RANCHO SAN DIEGO AND NO. 2 – JESS MARTIN PARK AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: 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: To adopt a resolution to approve the diagram and assessment for the three special districts. The three special districts are the San Diego County Street Lighting District, Landscape Maintenance District Zone 1 Rancho San Diego, and Landscape Maintenance District Zone 2 Jess Martin Park which are administered by the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). The annual assessments and authorized levies will be placed on the tax roll for fiscal year 25-26.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Miranda Ramos Telephone: 619-740-1658

Date Form Completed: June 25, 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 June 25, 2025 (#7) 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 15301 – Existing facilities
☐ **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
☐ **Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines categorically exempts from CEQA review, actions consisting of the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use." The key consideration is whether the activity involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. The project consists of the approval of assessments in the San Diego County Street Lighting District and Landscape Maintenance Districts for the purpose of conducting ongoing maintenance to public facilities. The project will result in negligible or no expansion of existing uses and therefore is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, 15301(b) states "Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewage, or other public utility services".

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: 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.