

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: FY 23/24 AC Culverts Phase 1 – Job Order Contract (JOC)

Project Location: The project is located at 9 culvert locations in unincorporated San Diego County

Project Applicant: County of San Diego
Department of Public Works
5510 Overland Ave
San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The proposed action consists of repairs at 9 separate locations throughout unincorporated San Diego County. The scope of work includes rehabilitation or in-kind replacement of damaged storm drain culverts of varying lengths.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Orland Mott, Project Manager Telephone: (858) 694-3099

Date Form Completed: July 23, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Department of Public Works (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on July 13, 2025 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 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines categorically exempts CEQA review of 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 in applying this exemption is whether the proposed action involves expansion of existing use. The proposed action consists of repair of existing culvert facilities in unincorporated San Diego County, to maintain safety of the County’s roadside facilities. These activities involve negligible or no expansion of use of existing facilities, and accordingly, are exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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

Signature: _____ Telephone: (619) 373-2156

Name (Print): Kelsey Dix 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.