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: ARPA Funding for Broadband Services to Ramona and San Marcos

Project Location: Ramona and San Marcos Communities of San Diego County

Project Applicant: County of San Diego

Project Description: The County of San Diego will award American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to ATT to deliver high-speed internet service to the Ramona and San Marcos communities of San Diego County. This will involve the installation of minor improvements within the road right-of-way in Ramona and San Marcos.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Thomas Duffy Telephone: 858-232-1150

Date Form Completed: August 28, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego, Department of Public Works has approved the above described project on August 28, 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
☐ **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 21080.51

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Linear broadband deployment in the right-of-way is statutorily exempt according to 21080.51 of the CEQA guidelines. The project proposes to award ARPA funding to install minor improvements in the public road and right-of-way to provide broadband services to the residents of Ramona and San Marcos and is therefore statutorily exempt under 21080.51 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: Tom Duffy Telephone: (858) 232-1150

Name (Print): Tom Duffy 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.