



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 37-03/07/2025-0154
STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF SAN DIEGO PLANNING DEPARTMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 03/07/2025
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2025-0154
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PROJECT TITLE  
GROUP 170912-S UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICTS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME TRANSPORTATION & STORM WATER DEPARTMENT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 619-533-4526
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 9370 CHESAPEAKE DRIVE SUITE 100	CITY SAN DIEGO	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 92123
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency   
  School District   
  Other Special District   
  State Agency   
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	0.00


- Exempt from fee
- Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	0.00

**PAYMENT METHOD**

Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED    \$    50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County Clerk, TIFFANI HOOD, Deputy
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Payment Reference #: CHECK #0002044909



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK  
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

**FILED**  
Mar 07, 2025 09:04 AM  
JORDAN Z. MARKS  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK  
File # 2025-000171  
State Receipt # 37030720250154

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THIS SPACE FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY

Complete and attach this form to each CEQA Notice filed with the County Clerk

**TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

Project Title

**GROUP 170912-S UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICTS**

**Check Document being Filed:**

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

<b>FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO</b>	
<b>COUNTY CLERK ON</b> <u>March 7, 2025</u>	
<b>Posted</b> <u>March 7, 2025</u>	<b>Removed</b> _____
<b>Returned to agency on</b> _____	
<b>DEPUTY</b> _____	

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:   X   RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK  
 P.O. BOX 1750, MS A-33  
 1600 PACIFIC HWY, ROOM 260  
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92101-2422

FROM: CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
 PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
 9485 AERO DRIVE, MS 413  
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92123-1801

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH  
 1400 TENTH STREET, ROOM 121  
 SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

**PROJECT No.:** 647965 **PROJECT TITLE:** Group 170912-S Underground Utility Districts

**PROJECT LOCATION-SPECIFIC:** Installation of an underground utility system and related work at the following locations and community plan areas: 1) **UU980 Residential Project Block 2S4** (Mission Beach), 2) **UU315 Residential Project Block 2V1** (Pacific Beach), 3) **UU910 Residential Project Block 3BB1** (Mid-City: Normal Heights), 4) **UU911 Residential Project Block 3Y** (North Park), 5) **UU790 Residential Project Block 4Y2** (Skyline-Paradise Hills), 6) **UU878 Residential Project Block 6B** (Clairemont Mesa), 7) **UU879 Residential Project Block 6B1** (Clairemont Mesa), 8) **UU243 Residential Project Block 6L** (Clairemont Mesa), 9) **UU937 Residential Project Block 7E1** (Mid-City: Eastern Area), 10) **UU947 Residential Project Block 7L1** (College Area), 11) **UU700 Residential Project Block 7Q** (Navajo), 12) **UU314 Residential Project Block 8S** (Otay Mesa-Nestor).

**PROJECT LOCATION-CITY/COUNTY:** San Diego/San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT:** CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL to prioritize and form twelve (12) Underground Utility Districts which would allow the construction of an Underground Utility System per the City's franchise agreement. The districts would also create an overlay that would restrict utility companies from installing above-ground utility lines in the future, excluding electric transmission lines which are regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission. The project would consist of trenching approximately 5 feet deep and 2.5 feet wide along one side of the public right-of-way; installing conduit and substructures such as electric transformer boxes and telecommunication pedestals, installing cable through the conduits, backfilling, removing existing overhead utility lines and poles, and installing new streetlights where applicable. Utility poles may need to be installed or upgraded at the boundary of the district where determined necessary for the transition from the existing aerial system to the new underground system. Streetlights, utility poles (if needed), transformer boxes and pedestals will be installed in the public right of way or a utility easement. Locations of the new equipment will be determined during utility system design and a community forum will be held to allow residents to provide input on final designs. In most cases, boxes and pedestals can be placed without requiring the removal of an existing tree. Trenching or boring work that could impact existing trees will be done in consultation with the City Arborist.

Individual customer connections will be made by boring laterally underground from the main line in the right of way to the front of the structure to install conduit and cable. If lateral boring is not feasible, open trenches approximately three feet deep and two feet wide will be dug and surfaces restored to pre-existing conditions when work is complete. Some properties may require electric service panel upgrades and/or installation of conduit and a junction box on the exterior of the building.

After utilities are undergrounded, street trees may be installed in the right of way if conditions allow it and property owners sign an agreement to water the tree until it is established. Curb ramps would be installed where missing to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, which may result in the loss of a street parking space at some locations. It should also be noted that the project may replace previously conforming curb ramps to meet current City and ADA standards. In addition, sidewalk repairs, preservation of historical stamps, and street resurfacing or replacement of segments of concrete road will be done as needed. Traffic control measures and Best Management Practices (BMPs) would be implemented during construction. Any street tree removal, relocation, and/or trimming would be done under the supervision of the City Arborist. The street light locations are within

urban developed areas, no sensitive vegetation would be affected or removed, and historic sidewalk stamps would be preserved per contract specifications. The project location is not included on any government code listing of hazardous waste sites.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: City of San Diego

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Transportation & Storm Water Department, 9370 Chesapeake Drive, Suite 100, MS 1900, San Diego, CA 92123. Contact: Breanne Busby (619) 533-4526

EXEMPT STATUS: (CHECK ONE)

- MINISTERIAL (SEC. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION: §15302(D) (REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION)
- STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15302(d) [Replacement or Reconstruction], which allows for the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities, including the conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities to underground when the surface is restored to the existing condition, and where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity; and where the exceptions listed in CEQA Section 15300.2 would not apply in that no cumulative impacts were identified; no significant effects on the environment were identified; the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway; no historical resources would be affected by the action; and after review of EnviroStor and GeoTracker websites the project was not identified on a list of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. R-316062

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Myra Herrmann, Senior Planner TELEPHONE: (619) 446-5372

IF FILED BY APPLICANT:

- 1. ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING.
- 2. HAS A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BEEN FILED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT?  
 YES  NO

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO HAS DETERMINED THE ABOVE ACTIVITY TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA

*Myra Herrmann*

SENIOR PLANNER

October 30, 2020

SIGNATURE/TITLE

Filed by:

*Kristell Medina*  
Signature

DATE

CHECK ONE:

Legislative Recorder  
Title

SIGNED BY LEAD AGENCY

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING WITH COUNTY CLERK OR OPR:

SIGNED BY APPLICANT

#3326 2/25/25

San Diego County



Transaction #: 8251422  
Receipt #: 2025084659

JORDAN Z. MARKS  
Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk  
1600 Pacific Highway Suite 260  
P. O. Box 121750, San Diego, CA 92112-1750  
Tel. (619) 237-0502 Fax (619) 557-4155  
[www.sdarcc.gov](http://www.sdarcc.gov)

Cashier Date: 03/07/2025  
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 03/07/2025 9:04 am

Payment Summary

Total Fees	\$3,068.75
Total Payments	\$3,068.75
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment

CHECK PAYMENT #0002044909 \$3,068.75

Total Payments \$3,068.75

Filings

CEQA - NOE FILE #: 2025-000171 Date: 03/07/2025 9:04AM Pages: 3

State Receipt # 37-03/07/2025-0154

Fees:	Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:		\$50.00

CEQA - NOD FILE #: 2025-000172 Date: 03/07/2025 9:04AM Pages: 3

State Receipt # 37-03/07/2025-0155

Fees:	Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Fees:	Fish & Wildlife Mitigated/Negative Declaration	\$2,968.75
Total Fees Due:		\$3,018.75

Grand Total - All Documents: \$3,068.75