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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

MANZANITA GREENING & CANYON HEALTH PROJECT

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):

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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:

37-12/10/2025-0981

STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER(If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY

CITY OF SAN DIEGO CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE

12/10/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

SAN DIEGO

DOCUMENT NUMBER

37-2025-0981

PROJECT TITLE

MANZANITA GREENING & CANYON HEALTH PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

SAN DIEGO CANYONLANDS

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

619-546-7707

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

5106 FEDERAL BOULEVARD #205

CITY
SAN DIEGOSTATE
CA

ZIP CODE

92105

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$4,123.50

\$

0.00

☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)

\$2,968.75

\$

0.00

☐ 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)☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee(State Water Resources Control Board only)

\$850.00

\$

0.00

☒ County documentary handling fee

\$

50.00

☐ 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

Payment Reference #: CHECK # 0002092198

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Check one or both)

TO: ☒ 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
City Planning Department
202 C Street, Floor 5, MS 413
San Diego, CA 92101

☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

PROJECT TITLE: Manzanita Greening & Canyon Health Project

PROJECT LOCATION-SPECIFIC: Project is located within the Manzanita Canyon Open Space area.

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

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT: San Diego Canyonlands (Proponent), in partnership with the City, proposes to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife, and the habitat upon which they depend. By restoring and enhancing native scrub oak chaparral, coastal sage scrub, and riparian habitats, the Project is expected to benefit California gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*), listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act and Crotch's bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*), a candidate for listing under the California Endangered Species Act, among other native species. Streambed degradation, erosion, and invasive species proliferation within the Project area and the broader canyon has been an ongoing problem that has caused channel widening, scour, and head-cutting (creek incision) resulting in the likelihood of streambank failure and damage to surrounding habitat. To address these issues, the Project is designed to restore and protect habitat along a one-mile reach of Manzanita Creek, totalling approximately eight acres in area, by improving existing erosion and drainage issues, removing invasive species, reducing existing public access impacts, and implementing streambed restoration.

The components of the Project include:

- **Hydrologic Improvements:** Erosion and uncontrolled drainage in the Project area will be addressed through the stabilization of Manzanita Creek using bio-engineered features and vegetated fascines. These features will reduce flow velocities in the creek, increase water infiltration and flow capacities, and stabilize creek banks, which may also incidentally benefit proximate infrastructure. Drainage issues will be addressed through the capture and conveyance of runoff at Thorn Street, further reducing downstream erosion.
- **Habitat Restoration:** Non-native and invasive plant species will be removed, such as broadleaf grasses, eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus* spp.), pepper trees (*Schinus* spp.), tamarisk (*Tamarix* spp.), ornamental palms (*Washingtonia* spp., *Phoenix* spp.), pines (*Pinus* spp.), and ash (*Fraxinus* spp.). This will be followed by planting native vegetation, such as scrub oak chaparral and other species making up the coastal sage scrub plant community. Approximately 240 native trees will also be planted. Native trees will include coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), California sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*), and various willow (*Salix*) species. These native plants will assist in enhancing the site's fire resiliency and drought resistance, while also helping stabilize the creek and restoring a more resilient floodplain. Riparian planting will focus on creek banks and adjacent

- habitat, restoring a more natural Invert with cobble and natural streambed stabilization features.
- **Streambed Stabilization:** To further reduce erosion, the Project will include efforts to decrease the average slope of the streambed, thereby reducing flow velocities and minimizing sediment uptake. Natural streambed stabilization features would be ensured through the installation of vegetated fascines, using mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*) and willow cuttings that are anchored in the streambank. The toe of the creek bank supporting the fascines would be stabilized using native rock, or similar, to reduce scour. In addition, erosion control components will be installed to address downstream erosion. These components will include an inlet, a storm drain, and a reinforced box culvert. The culvert will address erosion within the creek by stabilizing existing infrastructure, dissipating flow velocity through placement of natural material, and protecting natural creek features via proper flow conveyance.
 - **Monitoring and Maintenance:** To facilitate post-restoration monitoring/maintenance, the Project will include access upgrades to a drive aisle and an extension of an existing sidewalk by approximately 25 feet, where a rolled curb and permeable vehicular grade materials will be installed. Following a 120-day post-restoration effort, the Project will adhere to a five-year restoration maintenance and monitoring period that will be administered by the Proponent. Following this period, a long-term management plan (LTMP) will be established and will include meeting specified success criteria. During this time, maintenance work may be necessary to ensure function. The Project is designed to be consistent with the City's Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Subarea Plan and will adhere to conservation measures detailed in the MSCP and/or Multi Habitat Planning Area (MHPA). This Project is voluntary and not required mitigation action under the MSCP.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: City of San Diego

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: San Diego Canyonlands, 5106 Federal Boulevard #205, San Diego, CA 92105. Telephone: (619) 546-7707.

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ MINISTERIAL
- ☐ DECLARED EMERGENCY
- ☐ EMERGENCY PROJECT
- ☐ CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION:
- ☒ STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS: Section 21080.56 of the California Public Resource Code

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Manzanita Greening & Canyon Health Project meets all requirements described in Public Resources Code Section 21080.56 for a Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has concurred on November 14, 2025, that the project meets all requirements and is exempt (CDFW SERP Concurrence No. 21080.56-2025-080-R5). The project is 1) to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife, and the habitat upon which they depend, and will restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife; the project 2) may have public benefits incidental to the project's fundamental purpose; the project 3) will result in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery and include procedures and ongoing management for the protection of the environment; and 4) project construction activities are solely related to habitat restoration.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Alisha Peña, Senior Planner, City of San Diego Stormwater Department, 9370 Chesapeake Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123. Telephone: (619) 629-4373. E-mail: aapena@sandiego.gov.

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?
(X) YES () NO

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

Alisha Peña
Alisha Peña, Senior Planner, Stormwater Department

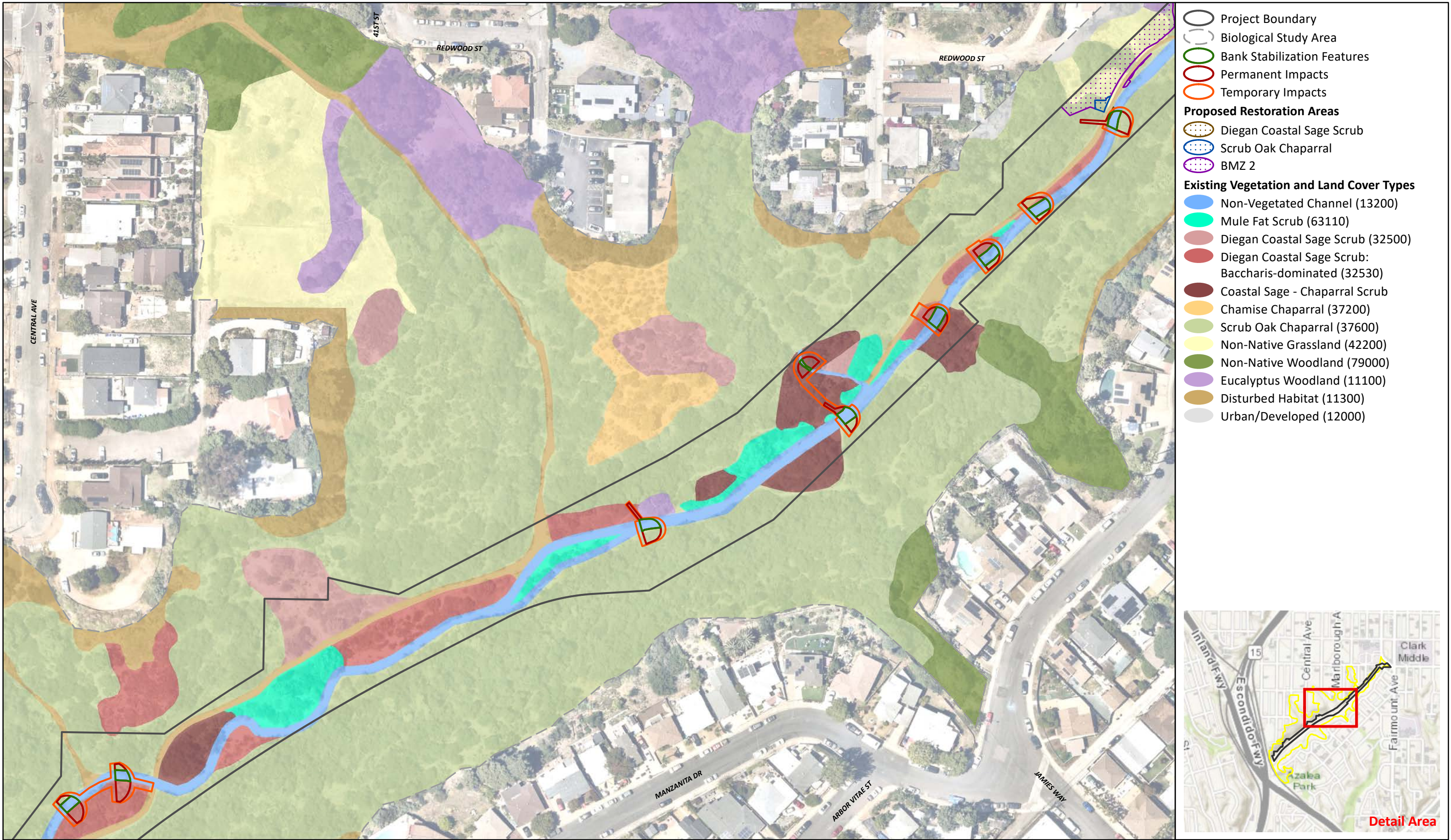
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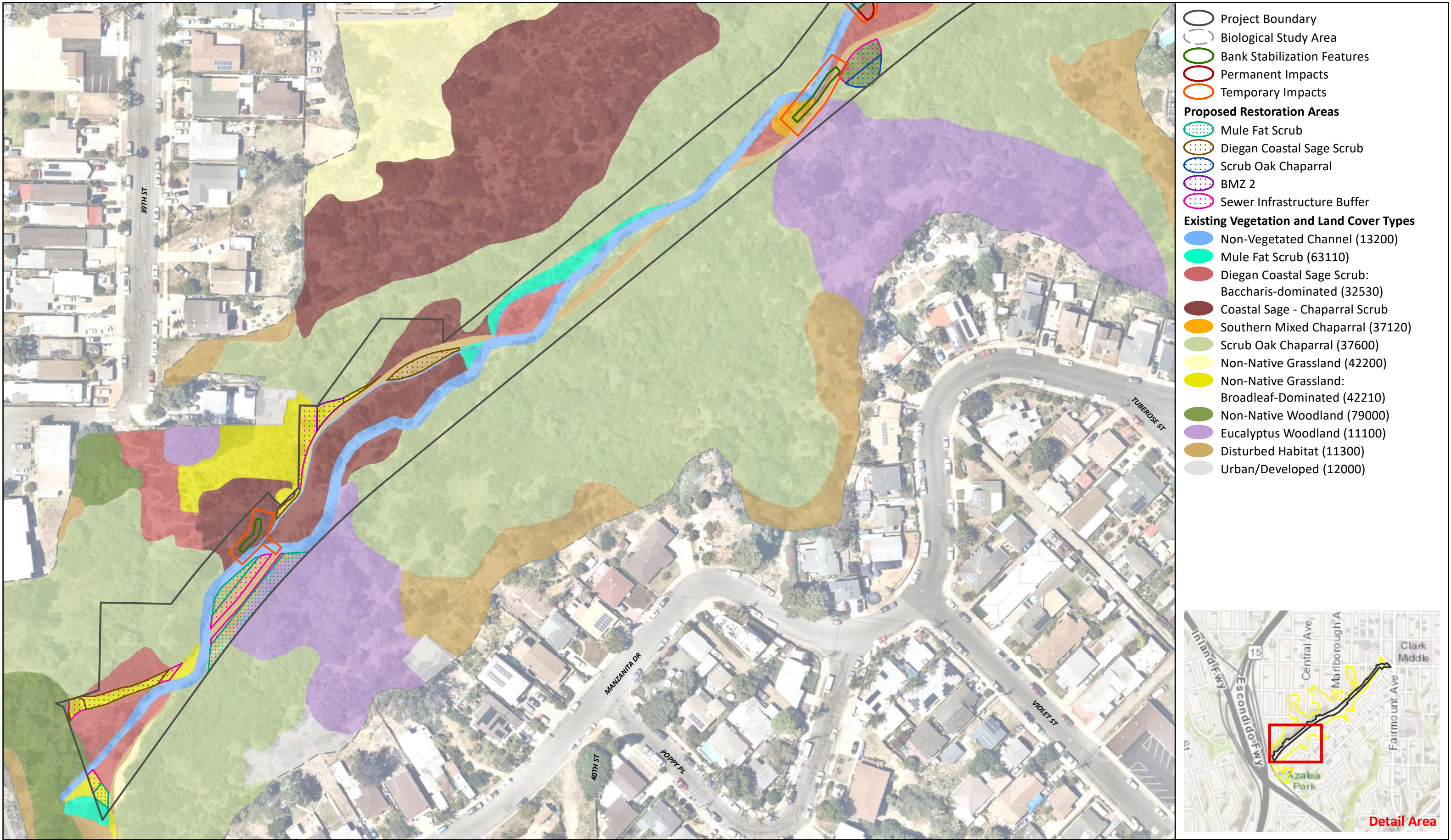
CHECK ONE:

- (X) SIGNED BY LEAD AGENCY
() SIGNED BY APPLICANT

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING WITH COUNTY CLERK OR OPR:









San Diego County



Transaction #: 8787296
Receipt #: 2025477324

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

Cashier Date: 12/10/2025

Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 12/10/2025 2:57 pm

Payment Summary

Total Fees:	\$50.00
Total Payments:	\$50.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment

CHECK PAYMENT #0002092198

\$50.00

Total Payments

\$50.00

Filing

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Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee

\$50.00

Total Fees Due:

\$50.00

Grand Total - All Documents:

\$50.00