

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
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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: Anissa Busch
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San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR SOUTH MISSION ROAD (NORTH SEGMENT) GREEN STREET PROJECT (DISTRICT:5)

Project Location: Fallbrook along South Mission Road (between Mission Oaks Road and Ammunition Road)

Project Applicant: County of San Diego
Department of Public Works

Project Description: The project proposes implementing green infrastructure elements, including eight biofiltration basins and twenty-eight tree wells, providing stormwater quality improvements. Additional community benefits include increased green space and canopy as well as improvements to pedestrian accessibility and traffic safety.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Kelsey Dix, Land Use Environmental Planner Telephone: (619) 373-2156

Date Form Completed: III February 13, 2026

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on February 11, 2026 (#4) (Meeting Date/Item #) 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; Section 15303 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- 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: The project qualifies for a CEQA Categorical Exemption under Sections 15301, Existing Facilities and 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines exempts from CEQA review the "operation, repair, maintenance, 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" and Section 15303 exempts the "construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. The proposed project consists of constructing small structural pollutant best management practices, biofiltration basins, and storm drain system infrastructure, and is therefore, exempt from CEQA in accordance with Sections 15301 and 15303.

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.