

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
CEQASubmit.lci.ca.gov
 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
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: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFER GRANT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD SUPPORTING THE CAMERON CORNERS WATER CONSOLIDATION PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 2)

Project Location: Countywide, County of San Diego

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
5510 Overland Avenue, #310, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: To adopt a resolution authorizing the Board to approve and delegate authority to the Department of Public Works (DPW) to apply for and accept the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) grant administered by the State Water Resources Control Board. The SAFER grant supports the evaluation and development of infrastructure to consolidate multiple small water systems and properties in the Campo/Cameron Corners area of southeast San Diego County. The resolution will enable the County to submit, negotiate, accept, and execute all documents necessary to secure grant funding.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Samir Nuhaily Telephone: 619-507-7754

Date Form Completed: March 25, 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 March 25, 2026 (#5) 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 15061 (b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment & the activity is not subject to CEQA.
- Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15061 (b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines provides that a project is exempt from CEQA review where "it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment". The proposed action seeks the delegation of authority for possible applications for and acceptance of grant funding for potential future projects. While entitlement funds are anticipated, there is no guarantee that discretionary funds will be awarded. Since the action involves the delegation of authority to seek and accept funding without a commitment to any particular project, the action is exempt from CEQA review because it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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

Signature:  Telephone: (619) 415-9920
Name (Print): Emily Roberts 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.