

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
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: APPROVE AND EXECUTE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED REGIONAL WASTEWATER DISPOSAL AGREEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 1 AND RELATED CEQA FINDINGS (DISTRICTS: 1, 2 AND 4)

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 resolutions to approve and execute the Second Amended and Restated Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement (SARA) between the City of San Diego and the Participating Agencies in the City's Metropolitan Sewerage System and to approve and execute the Administrative Agreement No. 1 addressing the pretreatment program.

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 (#SA1) 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. Today's action is to approve and execute the Second Amended and Restated Regional Wastewater Disposal Agreement (SARA) and Administrative Agreement No. 1 between the City of San Diego and the Participating Agencies (including the Sanitation District), for the continued use of the Metropolitan Sewerage System for wastewater discharge. The proposed action includes approval and execution of the revised legal document governing the regional cooperation on wastewater treatment and recycled/repurified water planning, including a new framework to establish specific or programmatic or ministerial-type changes accomplished through Administrative Agreements. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action would have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, the proposed action is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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.