

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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: FLOOD CONTROL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS (1280 BATES LANE AND ELKELTON BOULEVARD)

Project Location: Unincorporated communities of Lakeside and Sweetwater

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

Project Description: The County of San Diego Department of Public Works proposes to conduct essential flood control culvert maintenance at two locations: 1280 Bates Lane (unincorporated area of Lakeside) and Elkelton Boulevard (unincorporated area of Sweetwater). Maintenance activities include culvert cleaning, clearing and grubbing, installation of cured-in-place pipe liners, repair of localized sinkholes as needed, and post-construction closed-circuit television inspection. All work will occur within existing culvert footprints, and no increase in culvert capacity or change in function will result from the proposed maintenance.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Leanne Crow Telephone: (619) 335-9744

Date Form Completed: April 23, 2026


This is to advise that the County of San Diego Department of Public Works (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on April 23, 2026 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
- 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:**
- Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines provides that a project is exempt from CEQA review that applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing facilities. This project consists of work involving the repair and rehabilitation of existing culverts with no expansion of capacity or change in use. All activities are limited to the existing culvert footprints and will result in negligible or no expansion of existing use. Therefore, the projects are categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301.

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

Signature: 
Name (Print): Emily Roberts Telephone: (619) 415-9920
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 15301.