

# 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: FY 25-26 (Y9) AC Culverts – Job Order Contract (JOC)

Project Location: The project is located at 10 culvert locations across San Diego County.

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

Project Description: The proposed action consists of repairs at 10 separate locations throughout unincorporated San Diego County.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Orland Mott Telephone: (858) 694-3099

Date Form Completed: April 27, 2026

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Department of Public Works has approved the above-described project on January 14th, 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:** Sec. G
- Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

**Statement of reasons why project is exempt:** Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from CEQA review the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, 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." The key consideration in applying this exemption is whether the proposed action involves expansion of existing use. The proposed action consists of repair of existing culvert facilities in unincorporated San Diego County, to maintain safety of the County's roadside facilities. These activities involve negligible or no expansion of use of existing facilities, and accordingly, are exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: **(619) 241-5059**

Name (Print): Kimberly Jones Title: Land Use/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.