

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation
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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: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONFIRM FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 LEVIES IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ZONES NO. 1 – RANCHO SAN DIEGO AND NO. 2 – JESS MARTIN PARK AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Project Location: Countywide, County of San Diego

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: To adopt a resolution to confirm the assessments and authorized levies for the three special districts for San Diego County Street Lighting District, Landscape Maintenance District Zone (LMDZ) No. 1 Rancho San Diego and LMDZ No. 2 Jess Martin Park which are administrated by the Department of Public Works and the Department of Parks and Recreation. To levy the assessments on the County tax roll, a public hearing is required to approve each district's Engineer Report that describes the budget, assessment rate, the method of how rates are applied, and parcel assessment amounts.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Murali Pasumarthi Telephone: 858-694-3892

Date Form Completed: May 6, 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 May 6, 2026 (#3) 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 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines categorically exempts from CEQA review, actions consisting of 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 is whether the activity involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. The project consists of the approval of assessments in the San Diego County Street Lighting District and Landscape Maintenance Districts for the purpose of conducting ongoing maintenance to public facilities. The project will result in negligible or no expansion of existing uses and therefore is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, 15301(b) states "Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewage, or other public utility services".

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.