

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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: Annisa Busch
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, MS 0-332
San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: SPRING VALLEY AND LAKESIDE DEBRIS AND ACCESS CONTROL GRATES
(DISTRICTS: 2, 4)

Project Location: The project is in the unincorporated communities of El Cajon and in Lakeside.

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

Project Description: This project proposes to remove existing damaged fencing and gates around flood control channels and replace with more durable security fences, gates, and related supporting posts in the El Cajon and Lakeside vicinity. The locations are Kenwood Drive (Site 1), Helix Street (Site 1a, 1b, 1c), Kenwood Drive (site 3), and State Route 67 (Site 15b) are to be constructed within one phase

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego, Public Works, Engineering Division

County Contact Person: Ben Mehtlan, P.E. Sr Civil Engineer Phone: 619-623-5362

Date Form Completed: May 22, 2026

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Director of Public Works has approved the above-described project on May 21, 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(c) 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 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 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 proposed project consists of replacement and installation of fencing and gates; therefore, the project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines because it involves the maintenance of existing public structures and facilities involving no or negligible expansion of existing use.

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

Signature: Kimberly Jones

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Name (Print): Kimberly Jones 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.