

# 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: ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS AND ADVERTISE AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR

Project Location: The project takes place in the communities of Paula-Pauma, Fallbrook, Valley Center, Palomar, Rainbow, Alpine and Descanso.

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

Project Description: The project is a request to establish appropriations and approve advertisement and subsequent construction contract to replace existing guardrails.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: *Audrey Hamilton* Telephone: (619) 964-7403

Date Form Completed: May 4, 2026

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on May 20, 2026 Item #1 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 project consists of the advertisement and award of a contract to allow for repair and replacement of existing guardrails that involve negligible or no expansion of existing uses. Therefore, the action is categorically exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15301 (c) of the 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) 373-2156

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Land Use Environmental Planner III

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.