

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
CEQASubmit.lci.ca.gov
☒ 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: CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION TO LEVY SPECIAL TAX IN PERMANENT ROAD DIVISION NO. 1000, ZONE NO. 13A PALA MESA ZONE A IN FALLBROOK AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 5)

Project Location: Pala Mesa Zone A within the Fallbrook community of the North County Metro Sub Region.

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

Project Description: To authorize a special election in Permanent Road Division (PRD) No. 1000, Zone No. 13A (Pala Mesa Zone A in Fallbrook) allowing registered voters within the PRD to determine whether to levy a special tax to fully fund the operation and maintenance of local roads. The action also includes submitting the Special Tax Report to the Board, which outlines the method for replacing the existing assessment. A subsequent hearing will be held on December 9, 2026, with results from the election and the Board will certify the results if two-thirds voter approval was received for the special tax and adopt the ordinance.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Murali Pasumarthi Telephone: (619) 444-6910

Date Form Completed: June 24, 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 June 24, 2026 (#7) 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
- ☐ **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 15061 (b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment & the activity is not subject to CEQA.
- ☐ **Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines exempts from CEQA review activities that can be seen with certainty to have no impact on the environment. The project consists of the approval of action to provide a funding mechanism for the maintenance of existing roads within an established PRD. The roads have been maintained by the County as part of a CSA and then a PRD since the 1970s. No new roads or facilities are proposed as part of this action. Therefore, the proposed action is categorically exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State 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) 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.