



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:

37-08/11/2026-0698

STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PUBLIC UTILITIES
DEPARTMENT

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE

08/11/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

SAN DIEGO

DOCUMENT NUMBER

37-2026-0698

PROJECT TITLE

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES CONTRACT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PUBLIC UTILITIES
DEPARTMENT

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

858-292-6309

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

9192 TOPAZ WAY

CITY

SAN DIEGO

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

92113

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency

☐ School District

☐ Other Special District

☐ State Agency

☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$4,227.50

\$

0.00

☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)

\$3,043.75

\$

0.00

☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW

\$1,437.25

\$

0.00

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)

\$850.00

\$

0.00

☒ County documentary handling fee

\$

50.00

☐ Other

\$

0.00

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cash

☐ Credit

☒ Check

☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED

\$

50.00

SIGNATURE

X

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, ELVA STOPKE, Deputy

Payment Reference #: CHECK #2130113



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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Aug 11, 2026 12:41 PM
JORDAN Z. MARKS
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
File # 2026-000754
State Receipt # 37081120260698

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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES CONTRACT

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- ☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ☐ Other (Please fill in type):

Posted: 8/11/26

Filed by: ELVA STOPKE

Deputy County Clerk

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Check one or both)

TO: ☒ RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
P.O. BOX 1750, MS A-33
1600 PACIFIC HWY, ROOM 260
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101-2422

FROM: CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
9192 TOPAZ WAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

☐ OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH
1400 TENTH STREET, ROOM 121
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

PROJECT NO.: N/A PROJECT TITLE: LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES CONTRACT

PROJECT LOCATION-SPECIFIC: City of San Diego wide, other incorporated cities within the County, and unincorporated communities within the County.

PROJECT LOCATION-CITY/COUNTY: City of San Diego/San Diego County

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT: Authorization to execute a five (5) year contract with Aztec Landscaping Inc. (Aztec), in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000. This contract provides landscape maintenance services, regulatory stormwater management, and Zone Zero Fire Safety compliance for 118 Public Utilities Department water, wastewater, and administrative facilities. The proposed contract includes recurring landscape maintenance services such as mowing, trimming vegetation, weed abatement, and emptying exterior trash receptacles to minimize litter, improve workplace safety, and reduce conditions conducive to pests and vermin. The contract also includes provisions for extraordinary services authorized on an as-needed basis. These services include irrigation and backflow repairs, replacement of rock and mulch, removal of fallen trees, post-storm cleanup, and tree trimming and pruning to improve tree health and reduce liability exposure. In addition, the extraordinary services component provides for the as-needed replacement of gravel bags, filter fabric, and other best management practices (BMPs) necessary to support stormwater compliance before and during the rainy season. No impacts on biological and cultural resources would occur.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: City of San Diego Public Utilities Department

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: City of San Diego - Public Utilities Department, 9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, CA 92123; Project Manager: Bill White (858) 292-6309.

EXEMPT STATUS: (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ MINISTERIAL
- ☐ DECLARED EMERGENCY
- ☐ EMERGENCY PROJECT
- ☒ CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION: SECTIONS 15301 & 15304
- ☐ STATUTORY EXEMPTION

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), which allows 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 use; and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), which allows minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The exceptions to the exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would not apply in that no cumulative impacts were identified, no significant effects on the environment were identified, the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway, and no historical resources would be affected by the

action. As to the exception for hazardous materials, there are locations listed on GeoTracker and EnviroStor. While these locations are listed, the proposed contract does not include any activities which would expose potential hazardous materials, and as such would not preclude the use of a CEQA exemption pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. R-316880

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Dirk Smith, Senior Planner, Public Utilities Department, Telephone: (858) 614-5722

IF FILED BY APPLICANT:

1. ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING.
2. HAS A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BEEN FILED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT?
() YES () NO

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO HAS DETERMINED THE ABOVE ACTIVITY TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA

Dirk Smith, SENIOR PLANNER

SIGNATURE/TITLE

JULY 30, 2026

DATE

CHECK ONE:

(X) SIGNED BY LEAD AGENCY

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING WITH COUNTY CLERK OR OPR:

() SIGNED BY APPLICANT

Filed by:

Kristell Medina
Legislative Recorder
Title

#105 7/14/26



San Diego County



Transaction #: 9207654
Receipt #: 2026310951

JORDAN Z. MARKS

Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk

1600 Pacific Highway Suite 260

P. O. Box 121750, San Diego, CA 92112-1750

Tel. (619) 237-0502 Fax (619) 557-4155

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Cashier Date: 08/11/2026

Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 08/11/2026 12:42 pm

Payment Summary

Total Fees:	\$50.00
Total Payments:	\$50.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment

CHECK PAYMENT #2130113	\$50.00
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Total Payments	\$50.00
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Filing

CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2026-000754	Date: 08/11/2026 12:41PM	Pages: 3
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State Receipt # 37-08/11/2026-0698

Fees:	Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
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Total Fees Due:	\$50.00
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Grand Total - All Documents:	\$50.00
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