NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation
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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: Urban County Home Repair Program

Project Location: 3989 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, HHSA/ HCDS
3989 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The project involves funds to support the County-administered Urban County Live Well San Diego Home Repair Program that provides home repair loans for critical health and safety improvements, ADA and accessibility improvements, including improvements that support aging-in-place, and other necessary rehabilitation to the residences of low-income homeowners residing in the "Urban County of San Diego." Types of repairs/replacement may include but not limited to replacement of windows from single-pane to double-pane, leveling of mobile home, replacement/repair of roof, interior/exterior doors and walls, abatement and replacement of lead-based paint and/or asbestos, replacement/repair of flooring, appliances, evaporative coolers, and/or fixtures, removal of architectural barriers by installing ADA-compliant ramps and/or repairing broken steps. Eligible homeowners may apply for up to $20,000 to assist in their mobile home repairs and $25,000 to assist in their single-family home repairs. Flood insurance protection is mandatory for acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, and improvements, but not for routine maintenance activities. Therefore, eligible homeowners will require proof of flood insurance for rehabilitation activities if their home is in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). Eligible homeowners may apply for up to $5,000 for rehabilitation activities without proof of flood insurance. This is an ongoing multi-year program which has completed previous environmental reviews, pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58 Regulations. The County of San Diego Housing and Community Development Services (Grantee) has been and will continue to operate the program for the next 5-year period. This environmental review is intended to extend the NEPA clearance for the next five-year (5) period beginning July 2026. An estimated $6 million in funding will be expended for approximately 225 units during the next five (5) years.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Kelly Salmons Telephone: 858-694-4806
Date Form Completed: August 18, 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 March 24, 2026 (#24) 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 CEQA Guidelines provides a general exemption from CEQA review for a project where it can be seen with certainty there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed action involves funds to support the administrative activities to support the County-administered Urban County Live Well San Diego Home Repair Program. Therefore, the proposed action would not have any impacts on the environment and is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3).

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

Signature: _____ Telephone: (858) 694-8750
Name (Print): David Estrella Title: Director

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.