

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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: JACUMBA CULVERT J16-0-210-C1 MAINTENANCE PROJECT (DISTRICT 2)

Project Location: Culvert J16-0-210-C1 on Carrizo Gorge Road in Jacumba Hot Springs in the Unincorporated San Diego County at coordinates 32°37'44.74"N, 116° 9'47.07"W.

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
5510 Overland Avenue, #310, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: County of San Diego Department of Public Works proposes to conduct essential culvert maintenance. Specifically, the project involves filling an eroded void in the concrete of an existing culvert with approximately 19 cubic yards of 4000 psi pea gravel mix slurry. All work will occur within the existing culvert footprint, and no increase in culvert capacity or change in function will result from the proposed maintenance.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

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

Date Form Completed: September 25, 2026

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Department of Public Works (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on September 23, 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 - 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 of the CEQA Guidelines provides that a project is exempt from CEQA review that applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing facilities. This project consists of work involving the repair and rehabilitation of an existing culvert with no expansion of capacity or change in use. All activities are limited to the existing culvert footprint and will result in negligible or no expansion of existing use. Therefore, the project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301.

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.