Notice of Exemption

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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
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Project Title: El Cerrito and Rolando Park Storm Drain Replacement and Green Infrastructure Project

Project Applicant: City of San Diego Stormwater Department

Project Location – Specific: 32.753821, -117.058468

Project Location – City: San Diego **Project Location:** San Diego County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of the Project is to reduce flooding, improve water quality, and upgrade the existing storm drain system to meet current City needs.

The Discharger proposes to remove and replace deteriorated storm drains, replace and install storm drain inlets, install eight modular wetland systems (MWSs), and replace and install existing curb ramps and sidewalk in two non-contiguous subareas in the Mid-City Eastern community of San Diego. Impacts to Waters of the State and/or U.S. will consist of a temporary water diversion and removal of sediment, debris, and vegetation from the concrete-lined Rolando Channel. The total size of the entire area for all Project activities is 34.06 acres. Construction is expected to begin June 2027 and end July 2028.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Persons or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of San Diego Stormwater Department

Exempt Status (check one):

_ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268).
_ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)).
_ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)).
_ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: *Class X, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section XXXXX*
X Statutory Exemption. State code number: CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(k)

Reason why project is exempt: The project involves the installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Secion 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length.

Responsible Agency
Contact Person: Hayley Sue **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 619-521-5897

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 or _ No

Signature:

Title: San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Executive Officer

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X Signed by Responsible Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
_ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resource Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resource Code.