

CEQA DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION

Subject: This California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination of Exemption is in compliance with Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 19.04.060. An appeal to this determination must be filed in writing with the required fee within ten (10) calendar days of the City Planner's decision consistent with Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 21.54.140.

Project Number and Title: Haymar Drive Sink Hole

Project Location - Specific: Haymar Drive

Project Location - City: Carlsbad **Project Location - County:** San Diego

Description of Project: Local emergency declared for a sinkhole at Haymar Drive

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Carlsbad

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Carlsbad, Public Works

Name of Applicant: Paz Gomez, Deputy City Manager

Applicant's Address: 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Applicant's Telephone Number: 7442-339-2751

Name of Applicant/Identity of person undertaking the Project (if different from the applicant above):
N/A

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption - State type and section number:
- Statutory Exemptions - State code number: _____
- Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why Project is exempt: The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), and its implementing regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") adopted by the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency, list classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and as a result are exempt from further environmental review under CEQA.

The CEQA Guidelines include a list of classes of emergency projects which have been determined to be exempt from CEQA. It includes projects to maintain, repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster-stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed. On March 23, 2023, a local emergency was declared in the City of Carlsbad in response to a sinkhole at Haymar Drive in Carlsbad, California that has the potential to threaten the integrity of the sewer system. The sinkhole was an unexpected occurrence that poses a clear and imminent danger, requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services, and is or is likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Carlsbad.

For the reasons stated above, the action is categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a).

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