

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.

City Planner Decision Date: December 29, 2023

Project Number and Title: South Agua Hedionda Interceptor Reach T1D Improvement Project (CIP 5503-25)

Project Location - Specific: Foxtail Loop (street segments 5672 and 5665) Carlsbad, CA 92010

Project Location - City: Carlsbad

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Project: This project consists of maintenance to an existing sewer network at two locations along Foxtail Loop. The first portion of the project will replace 562 feet of existing sewer main within the street section. The existing 8-inch pipes will be replaced with 12 and 15-inch pipes to increase the capacity of the sewer system and allow for adequate sewage flow. The increase in size is in response to resident complaints that sewer gasses can be smelled at the street level. The second portion of the project will add 50 feet of new sewer main to connect two existing sewer mains and provide system redundancy within the neighborhood, reducing system strain. The project will also include 21,000 square feet of asphalt resurfacing follow the sewer maintenance.

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: Dave Padilla, Utilities Assistant Director/District Engineer

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

Applicant's Telephone Number: 442-339-2356

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: Section 15303 (d): New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- 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. City staff completed a review of the three projects and potential environmental impacts associated with the projects pursuant to CEQA and

concluded that the projects qualified for an exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15303(d) (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

The CEQA Guidelines include a list of classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 is a Class 3 exemption for existing facilities and includes (d) water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

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