

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: Aerial-to-Underground Conversion of Overhead Utilities as part of the Valley and Magnolia Complete Streets Project (CIP No. 6019)

Project Location - Specific: Valley Street and Magnolia Avenue

Project Location - City: Carlsbad

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Project: The City of Carlsbad will work with San Diego Gas & Electric to perform the aerial-to-underground conversion of overhead utilities on Valley Street and Magnolia Avenue. The work will consist of: digging an approximately 5-foot deep by 2.5-foot wide trench along the public right-of-way; installing conduit, cable and substructures, along with aboveground facilities, such as electric transformer boxes and telecommunication equipment pedestals; removing existing overhead utility lines and poles; upgrading utility poles or installing new ones at the boundaries of the project as needed for the transition to the new underground system; relocating an SDGE gas main line and service lines beneath Magnolia Avenue, east of Valley Street; establishing individual customer connections; and restoring surfaces to pre-existing conditions once the work is completed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Carlsbad

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Diego Gas & Electric

Name of Applicant: Eric Zielke

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

Applicant's Telephone Number: 442-339-2230

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: Class 2 - 15302(d) - Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemptions - State code number: _____
- Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is exempt on the basis that the work to be performed does not exceed the scope of a project that is exempt under the provisions of Section 15302(d) which allows for the conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities to underground including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines where the surface is restored to the condition existing prior to the undergrounding.

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