

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: X RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
P.O. BOX 1750, MS A-33
1600 PACIFIC HWY, ROOM 260
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101-2422

FROM: CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
9485 AERO DRIVE, MS 413
SAN DIEGO, CA 92123-1801

 OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH
1400 TENTH STREET, ROOM 121
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

PROJECT NO.: 594590

PROJECT TITLE: Group 160621 Underground Utility Districts

PROJECT LOCATION-SPECIFIC: Installation of an underground utility system and related work at the following locations and community plan areas: 1) **UU213 Residential Block 3AA1** (Teralta / West Kensington), 2) **UU232 Residential Project Block 1S** (University City), 3) **UU499 Residential Project Block 6K** (North Clairemont), 4) **UU858 Residential Project Block 6K2** (North Clairemont), 5) **UU899 Residential Project Block 4R1** (Encanto / Emerald Hills), 6) **UU909 Residential Project Block 3BB** (Adams North), 7) **UU912 Residential Project Block 3BB2** (Normal Heights), 8) **UU915 Residential Project Block 3AA** (Kensington), 9) **UU949 Residential Project Block 7U** (Del Cerro) 10) **UU970 Residential Project Block 7R1** (Allied Gardens), 11) **UU981 Residential Project Block 2S3** (Mission Beach).

PROJECT LOCATION-CITY/COUNTY: San Diego/San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT: CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL to prioritize and form eleven (11) underground utility districts which would allow San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) to construct an Underground Utility System per the franchise agreement. The districts would also create an overlay that would restrict utility companies from installing above-ground utility lines in the future, excluding electric transmission lines which are regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission. The project would consist of trenching approximately 5 feet deep and 2.5 feet wide along one side of each public right-of-way, installing conduit and substructures such as transformers on concrete pads, installing cable through the conduits, providing individual customer connections, backfilling, removing existing overhead utility lines and poles, and installing new streetlights where applicable. Work would include pole installation or reinstallation where necessary, trenching (18-inches deep) of conduit from electrical service points to the street light locations and installation of pull-boxes when required, and other necessary appurtenances. Utility poles may need to be installed or upgraded at the boundary of the district where determined necessary for the transition from the existing aerial system to the new underground system. Locations will be determined during final design. Curb ramps would be installed where missing to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, which may result in the loss of a street parking space at some locations. In addition, sidewalk repairs, preservation of historical stamps, and street resurfacing or replacement of segments of concrete road will be done as needed. Traffic control measures and Best Management Practices (BMPs) would be implemented during construction. Any street tree removal, relocation, and/or trimming would be done under the supervision of the City Arborist. The street light locations are within urban developed areas, no sensitive vegetation would be affected or removed, and historic sidewalk stamps would be preserved per contract specifications. The project location is not included on any government code listing of hazardous waste sites.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: City of San Diego

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Transportation & Storm Water Department,
9370 Chesapeake Drive, Suite 100, MS 1900, San Diego, CA 92123. Contact: Breanne Busby (619) 533-4526

EXEMPT STATUS: (CHECK ONE)

- MINISTERIAL (SEC. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION: §15302(D) (REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION)
- STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review and determined the project meets the categorical exemption criteria set forth in the CEQA State Guidelines §15302(d) [REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION], which allows for the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities, including the conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities to underground when the surface is restored to the existing condition, and where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity; and where the exceptions listed in CEQA Section 15300.2 would not apply in that no cumulative impacts were identified; no significant effect on the environment were identified; the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway; no historical resources would be affected by the action; and after review of EnviroStor and GeoTracker websites the project was not identified on a list of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

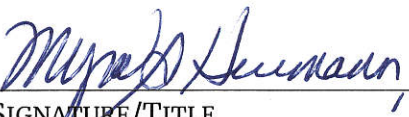
LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: MYRA HERRMANN

TELEPHONE: (619) 446-5372

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 NO

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO HAS DETERMINED THE ABOVE ACTIVITY TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA



SIGNATURE/TITLE SENIOR PLANNER

July 30, 2018
DATE

- (X) SIGNED BY LEAD AGENCY
() SIGNED BY APPLICANT

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING WITH COUNTY CLERK OR OPR: