



Date of Notice: July 10, 2018

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

## ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Group 160621 Underground Utility Districts / Project No. 594590

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** City Heights, Talmadge, Clairemont Mesa, Encanto, Normal Heights, Kensington, Navajo, University, Mission Beach

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9

**LOCATION:** 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 DESCRIPTION:** CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL to prioritize and form ~~seven (7)~~ 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 (CPUC). 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 locations are not included on any government code listing of hazardous waste sites.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(D) (Replacement or Reconstruction)

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee.

**STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA 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 effects 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.

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On July 10, 2018, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed in the office of the City Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**July 24, 2018**). The appeal application can be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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