



Date of Notice: October 6, 2016

# **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Alta La Jolla Water Main Break Emergency

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** La Jolla

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS:** District 1, City of San Diego

**LOCATION:** The water main break occurred near the base of a canyon located behind 1835 Caminito Amergon that has access off of Alta La Jolla Drive. The project area is within the La Jolla Community Planning Area; Council District 1; Thomas Bros 1247-1253; and is within the City's MHPA.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** On September 18, 2016 a 12-inch AC water main (FSN 389209) broke near the base of a canyon which is located directly behind 1835 Caminito Amergon. This emergency action is to provide temporary access to the main repair area and then to excavate and repair the pipe. The action temporarily impacted approximately 5052 sq. ft. (0.117 acres) of Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub, 3896 sq. ft. (0.089 acres) of disturbed habitat, and 4151 sq. ft. (0.095 acre) of eucalyptus woodland. Impacts to archaeological resources were not anticipated as all repair work occurred in previously disturbed/backfilled soils from the initial water main placement. Subsequent erosion control and habitat restoration will occur upon completion of this project to restore the area to its pre-impact conditions.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego, Public Utilities Department

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** STATUTORY EXEMPTION: 1529 (B&C)  
EMERGENCY PROJECT

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego

**STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

This emergency exemption is based on the expert opinion and findings by the Public Utilities Department. Immediate action was necessary to repair the broken pipe to

restore service to the 12-inch water main. This will prevent damage to habitat within the canyon from silt and water as the result of a pressurized water release. Furthermore, the project meets the criteria set forth in CEQA section 15269(b&c) which allows for emergency repairs to publicly owned services facilities.

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On October 6, 2016 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 Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination made by staff (including the City Manager) 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 (October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016). 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.