



Date of Notice: 10/13/2016

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

21002797

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Pump Station 65 Force Main Air Relief System Replacement

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Torrey Pines

COUNCIL DISTRICTS: District 1, City of San Diego

LOCATION: The work will be located along Sorrento Valley Road and consists of three (3) valves in total for replacement. Valve 3 is located near pump station 65 (FSN 5564587), valve 4 is located in between 11388 and 11404 Sorrento Valley Road and valve 5 is located in the parking lot of the Sorrento Valley Coaster Station. The project is located within Council District 1 and the Torrey Pines Community Planning Area in San Diego, California (TB 1208 B4&5; 1207 J3). All project activities are located outside the MHPA.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The objective of this project is to replace three air relief systems located on the pump station 65 force main. This project will replace the piping and associated air valves in order to prevent possible future sewer spills along Sorrento Valley Road and into the Peñasquitos Lagoon. The systems are composed of underground 4" diameter ductile iron and stainless piping and valves. The piping varies in depth, the systems are approximately 3' deep at valve 3, 8' deep at valve 4 and 5' deep at valve 5. All staging, stockpiling of materials, and access will be located within the street (Sorrento Valley Road) and flagging or orange construction fencing will be placed next to the valve 3 site to protect the adjacent habitat. No impacts to sensitive biological resources are expected to occur as a result from this work. No impacts to archaeological resources are expected to occur as all excavation will occur in the existing sewer line within previously disturbed soils. Gravel bags will be placed at storm drain inlets to contain any potential pollutants from this staging. Additionally, streets, curbs and gutters will be cleaned by a street sweeper upon completion of this project. Each trench will be backfilled and topped with asphalt upon completion and steel plates will be used to cover the excavated areas if work cannot be completed in the same day. A vector truck will remain on site as standby to contain any release of sewage in the event of a discharge and dispose of it into the sewer system.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION: 15301 (B) EXISTING FACILITIES

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The above mentioned air relief valves are in poor condition and have resulted in two sewer spills to date. The goal of this project is to replace the air relief systems on the force main before they fail and cause another spill that could impact the Peñasquitos Lagoon. This project meets the example criteria set forth in CEQA Section 15301 (b) Existing Facilities which allows for repair of existing facilities of publicly owned utilities used to provide sewerage. Furthermore, these actions do not involve an expansion of the existing use and will not result in significant impacts to biological or archaeological resources.

PROJECT MANAGER: Dirk Smith, Public Utilities Department
MAILING ADDRESS: 9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, CA 92123
PHONE NUMBER: (858) 614-5722

On October 13, 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 27, 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.