



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE OF NOTICE: October 17, 2016

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SAP No. WBS# B-1400.02.06

PROJECT NO: 484244
PROJECT NAME: Water Group 969
COMMUNITY PLAN AREAS: La Jolla, Ocean Beach, Peninsula, Uptown, Mid-Cities - Normal Heights, Mid-Cities - City Heights, and Encanto Neighborhoods
COUNCIL DISTRICTS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9
LOCATIONS: Refer to Project Description

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Water Group 969 proposes for the "Replacement-in-Place" of existing water mains at twelve locations throughout the City. The project will replace approximately 3,032.59 lineal feet of water mains all located within the public right of way. The following are the specific locations and project details with respect to the various locations throughout the City:

Location 1 – Intersection of Westbourne Street and La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla. "Replace-in-Place" 49.32 lineal feet of existing 6 inch cast iron (CI) pipes with 49.32 lineal feet of new 12 inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping.

Location 2 – Intersection of Forward Street and La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla. "Replace-in-Place" 45.65 lineal feet of existing 6 inch cast iron (CI) with 45.65 lineal feet of new 12 inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping.

Location 3 – Intersection of Colima Street and La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla. "Replace-in-Place" 68.98 lineal feet of existing 6 inch cast iron (CI) pipes with 68.98 lineal feet of new 12 inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping.

Location 4 – Intersection of Abbott Street and West Point Loma Blvd., Ocean Beach. "Replace-in-Place" 25.99 lineal feet of existing 8 inch cast iron (CI) pipes with 25.99 lineal feet of new 8 inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping.

Location 5 – Froude Street (Between the intersection of Santa Cruz Avenue and Narragansett Avenue), Ocean Beach/Point Loma. "Replace-in-Place" 804.68 lineal feet of existing 6 inch cast iron (CI) pipes with 804.68 lineal feet of new 12 inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping.

Location 6 – Intersection of Bush Street and Pioneer Place, Uptown. “Replace-in-Place” 32.18 lineal feet of existing 8 inch cast iron (CI) pipes with 32.18 lineal feet of new 8 inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping.

Location 7 – Washington Street (At southbound 6th Avenue Exit Ramp) Uptown. “Replace-in-Place” 234.32 lineal feet of existing 8 inch cast iron (CI) pipes with 234.32 lineal feet of new 12 inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping.

Location 8 – Unnamed Alleyway (Between Hawley Blvd. and Mansfield St., south of Collier Avenue), Normal Heights. “Replace-in-Place” 346.55 lineal feet of existing 10 inch cast iron (CI) pipes with 346.55 lineal feet of new 12 inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping.

Location 9 – El Cajon Blvd. (Between the intersections of McClintock St. and 40th Street), City Heights. “Replace-in-Place” 996.11 lineal feet of existing 12 inch cast iron (CI) pipes with 996.11 lineal feet of new 12 inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping.

Location 10 – S. Euclid Ave. (Between the intersections of Olvera Ave. and La Paz Dr.), Encanto Neighborhoods. “Replace-in-Place” 361.41 lineal feet of existing 12 inch cast iron (CI) pipes with 996.11 lineal feet of new 12 inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping.

Location 11 – Intersection of Imperial Ave. and Stork Street, Encanto Neighborhoods. Replace-in-Place” 53.40 lineal feet of existing 8 inch cast iron (CI) pipes with 53.40 lineal feet of new 12 inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping.

Location 12 – Intersection of Adams Ave. and Louisiana Street, Normal Heights. Replace-in-Place” 14 lineal feet of existing 8 inch cast iron (CI) pipes with 14 lineal feet of new 8 inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping.

In general, the project proposes to utilize the open-trench method for all pipeline replacement segments at approximately 3 to 5 feet in width and at depths of 3 to 5 feet below grade. Potholing will be implemented to examine potential conflicts with existing utilities. Additional improvements include the installation of new fire hydrants, water services, tees, crosses, reducers, gate valves, trench shoring, resurfacing, curb ramps, traffic controls, and provide related appurtenances. The project is encompassed by various residential and commercial zones within the project’s twelve locations.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt according to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15302 (Replacement and Reconstruction) Class 2 (c), 15303 (Existing Facilities) Class 3 (d), and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) Class 4 (c) and (f).

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review which determined that the project meets the criteria set forth in State CEQA Guidelines per Section 15302(2)(c), 15303(3)(d), and 15304(4)(c), and (f):

Section 15302. "Replacement or Reconstruction" under Class 2, which consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to: (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. The purpose of this project is to replace in place with substantially the same purpose and capacity existing cast iron pipes with new polyvinyl chloride (PVC) to extend and modernize the life of the City's water infrastructure, therefore meets the intent of this exemption for this project.

Section 15303. "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures" under Class 3, which consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in this section are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel. Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to: (d) Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction. This project is proposing small "T" utility connections in terms of providing utility extensions, inclusive of the scope of this project, therefore, meets the intent of this exemption for this project.

Section 15304. "Minor Alterations to Land" under Class 4, which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to: (c) Filling of earth into previously excavated land with material compatible with the natural features of the site, (f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. With the implementation of this project minor trenching activities are proposed with previously excavated surfaces; therefore, meets the criteria of this exemption.

None of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply, therefore these exemptions are applicable to the proposed project.

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On October 17, 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 City Development 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 31, 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.