



## County of San Diego Planning & Development Services

# March eBLAST

### New Planning & Development Services Environmental Review Team



Planning & Development Services (PDS) has formed a new California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review Team within the Project Planning Division. The objective of the CEQA Review Team is to provide first-rate, efficient and consistent environmental processing to our customers including other County Departments. Supervised by Kristin Blackson, the team is comprised of Environmental Planners Darin Neufeld, Donna Beddow, Maggie Loy, Peter Eichar and Robert Hingtgen. The team provides a centralized knowledge, guidance and review of the environmental process, including Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs). Each team member has vast experience with CEQA and a proven success of its implementation.

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The County of San Diego is excited to open a new application cycle for the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program! The

program provides financial compensation to eligible property owners in exchange for placing an agricultural conservation easement on their property. Since the inception of the program over 1,150 acres have been preserved to date!

The [PACE Fact Sheet](#) outlines the Program framework, eligibility requirements, easement valuation & provisions, as well as discounting opportunities.

[Application materials](#) and the [eligibility list](#) are available on the PACE Program website: <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/advance/PACE.html>

The 2015 application period for the program will begin March 16th ending April 30th, 2015. Completed applications are to be emailed to [AqConservation@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:AqConservation@sdcounty.ca.gov). Once an application is received, a confirmation email will be provided. Depending on the number of applications received offers are anticipated to be made summer 2015. Should you have any questions or need additional information regarding the PACE Program please contact the PACE Program Hotline at (858) 505-6677. We look forward to receiving your applications!

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## Instant Building Permits Now Available For Several Residential Project Types

Another streamlined PDS permit process to report: A series of residential building permit types now are available for instant issuance online.

Customers with any of seven residential project types may obtain building permits immediately upon submitting an online application meeting all requirements via the County's [Citizen Access](#) portal:

- Window replacement with no net area change
- Water heater replacement
- Gas line repair
- Water sprinklers (landscape/irrigation)
- HVAC, furnace, and/or duct replacement
- Electric heat pump or air conditioner repair/replacement
- Electrical service upgrade for existing main panel (max 400 Amps)

The instant issuance capability eliminates at least a one-day wait for customers with these project types to obtain their permits. Previously the permit issuance required PDS staff processing following the customer's online application submittal.

A [step-by-step online permit guide](#) also is available to lead customers through the process.

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## Code Compliance Makes It Happen!



Code Compliance received a complaint from a neighbor about a nearby vacant property with some waste and six unpermitted modular buildings. The buildings were empty and unsecured. The property owner, who didn't live in the area, was contacted by staff. She was provided information on how to permit the buildings but in the end decided to remove them along with the waste. The

property owner appreciated that staff allowed her to explore options and the neighbor was grateful that the appearance of the property was greatly improved.

### Did You Know?

The town of Boulevard and its post office were named after US Highway 80 which used to run through town. The Kumeyaay and Cocopah Indians were Boulevard's earliest inhabitants and the area is rich in Native American history, culture and archeological resources.

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## ONLINE SERVICES

### [Citizen Access Portal](#)

Research property information and permits. Apply for some permits online.

### [Self-Service Reports](#)

A list of available reports for public use along with a description of the information included on each report is provided below.

### [GIS Maps](#)

Determine the zoning and characteristics of properties with our web-based mapping tool.





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## Welcome Aboard!

*Alexandra Elias*

*Group Program Manager*

*Project Planning & Land Development Divisions*

Alexandra "Alex" Elias has been selected as Group Program Manager supporting the Project Planning and Land Development Divisions. She joins us with approximately 20 years of progressive planning experience working in public agencies. Her work history includes working as an Advance Planning Manager for Civic San Diego leading a four-year revision of Downtown Community Plan. In addition to her planning experience, Alex worked for the Department of the Navy, Navy Facilities Engineering Command, developing and executing real estate transactions, contracts and agreements. In addition to her professional experience, Alex has a Masters in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Iowa. We are excited to have Alex as part of our leadership team.



*Ana Barr*

*Office Assistant*

*Building Division*

Ana joins the Building Division as an Office Assistant. She is highly regarded for her outstanding customer service skills and tremendous attention to detail. We are happy to welcome Ana to our PDS team and look forward to seeing her serving our customers on the front line.

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