

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260, MS A-33
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
Environmental Services Unit
Attn: **Jeff Kashak**
5510 Overland Ave, Suite 410, MS O-332
San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS, ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE SWEETWATER ROAD PATHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (DISTRICT: 1)

Project Location: Sweetwater Road in the unincorporated community of Bonita in San Diego County

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
5500 Overland Avenue, Suite 310 San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The proposed action includes constructing a new asphalt-concrete berm and drainage inlets along Sweetwater Road and a post and rope fence along the pathway to separate pedestrians from the road. The project will benefit the community by preventing storm-related erosion to the pathway which will enhance pedestrian safety, accessibility, and walkability.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Sambath Chrun Telephone: 858-505-6396

Date Form Completed: May 6, 2020

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on 5/6/20 (04) (Meeting Date /Item #) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- Categorical Exemption:** Sec. G 15301 - Existing Facilities
- Declared Emergency:** Sec. C 21080(b)(3); Sec. G 15269(a)
- Emergency Project:** Sec. C 21080(b)(4); Sec. G 15269(b)(c)
- General:** Sec. C.
- Ministerial:** Sec. C 21080(b)(1); G 15268
- Preliminary Review:** Sec. G
- Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines exempts from CEQA review, actions consisting of the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use." The key consideration is whether the activity involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. The proposed action consists of the construction of an asphalt-concrete berm and drainage inlets along the public road to prevent storm-related erosion of the existing pathway. In addition, the project will construct a post and rope fence along the pathway to separate the pedestrian pathway from the road. This project will benefit the community by preventing recurring storm-related erosion of the pathway during rain events and thus enhance pedestrian safety, accessibility, and walkability. As such, the proposed action will result in the minor alteration of existing public roadways involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Accordingly, the proposed action is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 of the state CEQA Guidelines.

The following is to be completed only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: Jeff Kashak Telephone: (858) 694-3914

Name (Print): Jeff Kashak Title: Environmental Planning Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.