

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Recorder/County Clerk
Attn: Jordan Z. Marks
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: San Diego
SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, M.S. O-302
Attn: David Sibbet, Fire Services Coordinator

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

Project Name: Adoption of ordinances of the 2026 Consolidated Fire Code and the 2026 Wildland-Urban Interface Code for the San Diego County Fire Protection District.

Project Location: The unincorporated area of the County of San Diego, excluding other fire districts and tribal areas

Project Applicant: San Diego County Fire Protection District

Address: 5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92123

Telephone Number: (858) 974-5999

Project Description: Adoption of ordinances of the 2026 Consolidated Fire Code and the 2026 Wildland-Urban Interface Code by the San Diego County Fire Protection District.

Agency Approving Project: San Diego County Fire Protection District

County Contact Person: David Sibbet Telephone Number: (619) 672-7112

Date Form Completed: December 8, 2025

This is to advise that the Board of Directors of the San Diego Fire Protection District has approved the above-described project on February 10, 2026 / Item # and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

1. Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)
 - ☐ Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
 - ☐ Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
 - ☐ Statutory Exemption. C Section:
 - ☐ Categorical Exemption. G Section:
 - ☒ G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.
 - ☐ G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
 - ☐ G 15183 – Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning
 - ☐ Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
2. Mitigation measures ☐ were ☒ not made a condition of the approval of the project.
3. A Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☐ was ☒ not adopted for this project.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: The proposed amendments are either administrative, procedural or will impose more stringent regulations than presently required by the State code as a result of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions within San Diego County. The code amendments do not result in any physical changes to the environment. Also, it has been determined that the project would not result in damage to a scenic highway; is not on a hazardous waste site; and would not cause substantial change in the significance of a historical resource. For these reasons, there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, and the project is not subject to CEQA.

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

Signature: _____ Telephone: (619) 672-7112

Name (Print): David Sibbet Title: Fire Services Coordinator

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 twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.