



City of Del Mar Agenda Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Martin Boyd, Principal Engineer
Joe Bride, Public Works Director
Via Ashley Jones, City Manager

DATE: December 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Emergency Funding for Storm Drain and Roadway Repair along San Dieguito Drive

REQUESTED ACTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council: 1) Approve \$131,000 in emergency funding for construction and inspection services for the emergency work related to the Emergency Storm Drain and Roadway Repair along San Dieguito Drive; 2) Ratify any prior authorization by the City Manager to facilitate the emergency repairs; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to complete the work.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Over the weekend of November 15-16, 2025, a storm drain and roadway failure occurred at the intersection of San Dieguito Drive and Racetrack View Drive due to a significant rain event. An existing 18-inch corrugated metal storm water pipe (CMP) and the storm drain inlet on the north side failed, damaging the roadway subgrade and compromising both the roadway and the underlying sewer pipeline. Continued failure of the storm drain system or roadway could result in a sanitary sewer overflow, public injury, or vehicle damage. Public Works responded by blocking off a portion of the westbound lane, placing sandbags to stabilize the area, and filling the void beneath the roadway with one-sack slurry fill to help prevent further collapse until permanent emergency repairs are implemented.

Staff worked with Michael Baker International (MBI), one of the City's as-needed civil engineers, and TC Construction to identify an emergency solution to the storm drain and roadway failure. TC Construction is the City's current contractor for the Crest Canyon (X1A) undergrounding project, and they specialize in these types of repairs. Additionally, the emergency work falls within their existing project area.

The emergency repair includes replacing the existing 18-inch CMP storm drain with modern reinforced concrete pipe (RCP), reconstructing the storm drain inlet and outlet structures on the north and southeast sides with concrete structures, protecting the sewer main, reinstallation of the guardrail, and reconstruction of the roadway subgrade and

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embankment. TC Construction has recently completed other successful emergency repairs for the City and is already mobilized on-site for the undergrounding project. These repairs will restore the storm drain system and roadway to safe conditions. TC Construction was authorized on December 8, 2025, to proceed with the emergency repairs with construction planned for this week.

Approximately half of this work was originally included in the scope of work for the San Dieguito Drive Improvements Project, which was bid out as an alternate bid item for the Crest Canyon (X1A) undergrounding project but not awarded. Staff will revise those drawings and remove this portion of work from that project, which will lower the price to complete the San Dieguito Drive Improvements in the future.

The Planning and Community Development Department reviewed the extent of the emergency repairs and determined it is consistent with Del Mar Municipal Code Section 30.75.200.I and the Coastal Development Permit and associated entitlements for the San Dieguito Drive project (CDP24-024/CUP24-004/DRB24-004/LC24-006/TRP24-012).

Section 7.04.090A of the Del Mar Municipal Code provides an exemption from the City’s normal bidding process to address these types of emergency repairs. Staff negotiated a lump sum price of \$109,280 for the emergency construction with TC Construction. Furthermore, staff is allocating \$21,170 for inspection services and contingency. The estimated emergency repair costs are summarized below:

Emergency Construction Services (TC Construction)	\$109,280
Inspection and Contingency	\$21,720
Total estimated costs as of 12/15/25	\$131,000

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal action to be taken by the City Council related to this agenda item. The total estimated cost for these emergency repair services is \$131,000. Sufficient funding is already appropriated within the Storm Drain Improvements Project (55.7000.7045) in the adopted Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating and Capital Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 21080(b)(4) and 15269(b)), the proposed emergency repair work is Statutorily Exempt from CEQA review in that the emergency repair work is necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety, or welfare. In addition, CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15302, and 15304 are also applicable, as the Categorical Exemption sections are applicable to the Notice of Exemption filed with the San Dieguito Drive Capital Improvement Project identified above.

ATTACHMENTS:

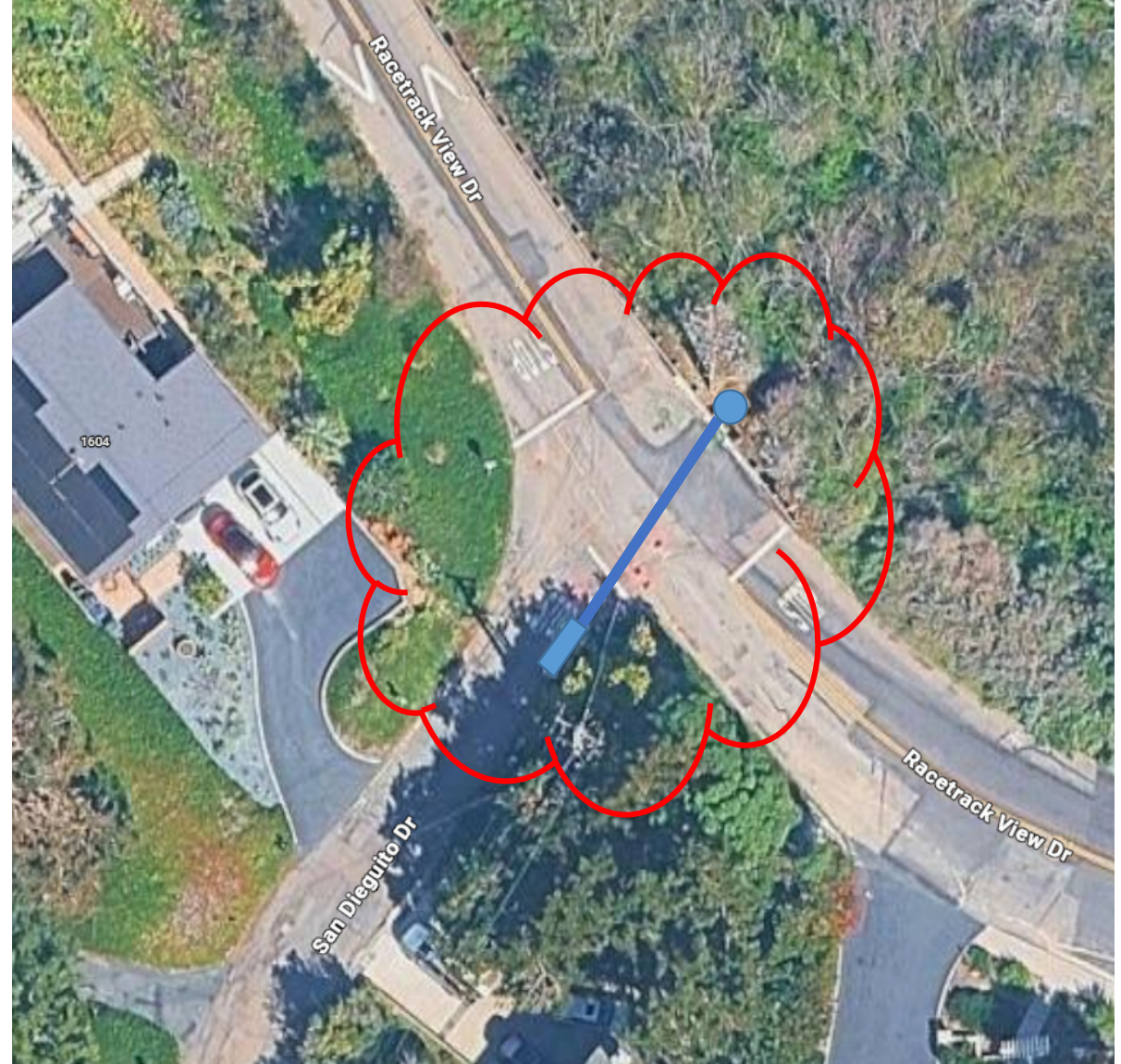
Attachment A – Emergency Repair Photos

Emergency Storm Drain and Roadway Repair along San Dieguito Drive

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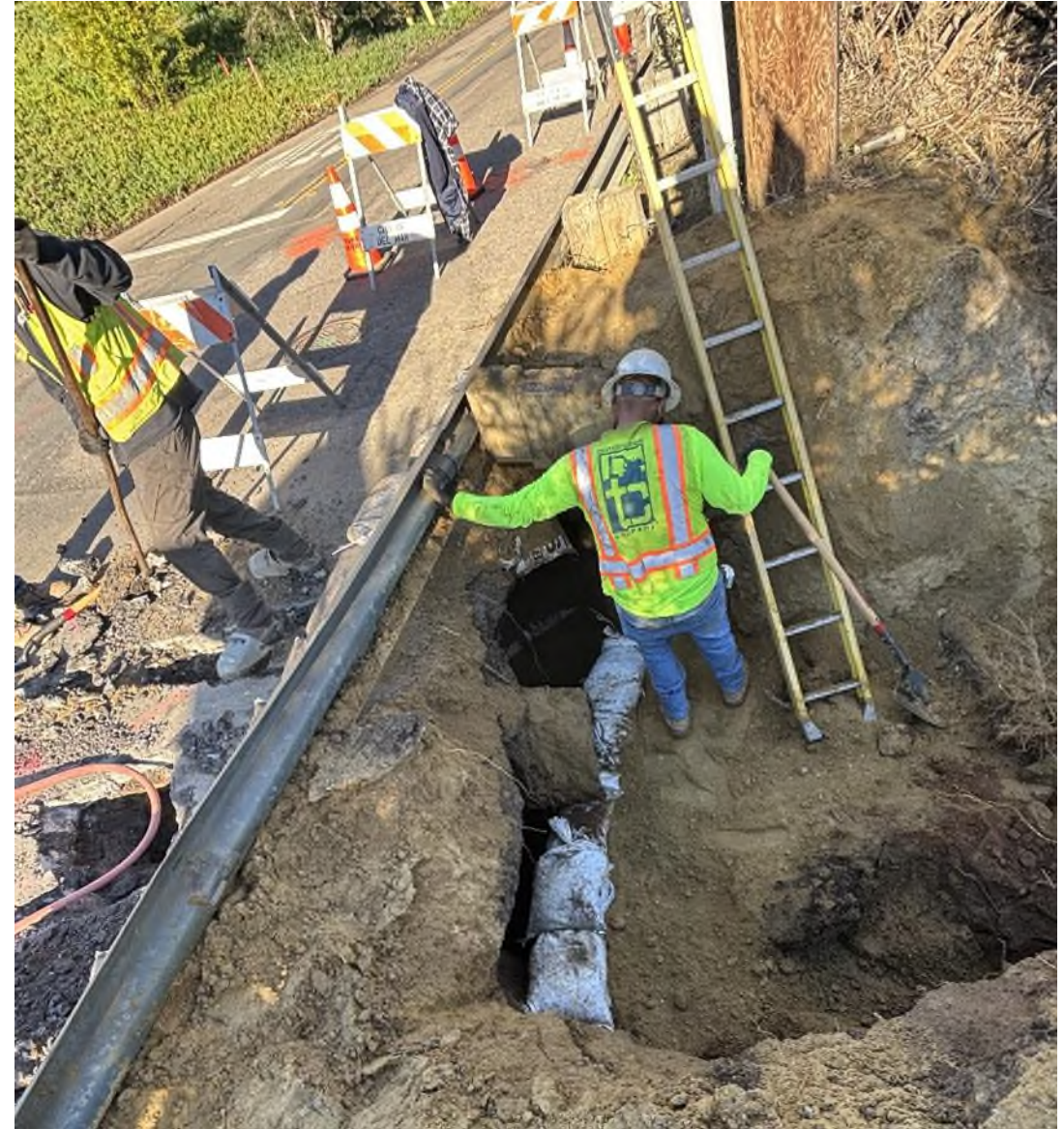
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