

Article 2: Administrative Code

Division 14: Public Utilities Department, Engineering and Capital Projects Department, Transportation Department, Environmental Services Department, and Stormwater Department

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§22.1401 Public Utilities Department

- (a) The Public Utilities Department is a City department. The department is responsible for providing water treatment and distribution services in the City of San Diego and wastewater disposal and treatment services for the City and participating agencies in San Diego County.
- (b) The Director is the administrative head of the department and is appointed by, and may be removed by, the City Manager. The Director is the appointing authority of all personnel authorized in the department.
- (c) The Public Utilities Department, under the direction of the City Manager, with policy direction from the City Council, is responsible for performing those duties and functions assigned and directed by the City Manager, including managing water treatment and distribution services; managing wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal services; managing and maintaining water infrastructure and facilities; long range planning for the City's water resources; and environmental monitoring and other compliance activities related to the City's water-related permits and regulatory requirements.

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(Retitled from “Director of Water Department” to “Public Utilities Department” and
amended 10-24-2017 by O-20864 N.S.; effective 11-23-2017.)*

§ 22.1402 Engineering and Capital Projects Department

- (a) The Engineering and Capital Projects Department is a City department. The department is responsible for managing the City’s Capital Improvements Program (CIP).
- (b) The Director is the administrative head of the department and is appointed by, and may be removed by, the City Manager. The Director is the appointing authority of all personnel authorized in the department.
- (c) The Engineering and Capital Projects Department, under the direction of the City Manager, with policy direction from the City Council, is responsible for performing those duties and functions assigned and directed by the City Manager, including managing the construction, rehabilitation, restoration, and improvement of the City of San Diego’s capital facilities; managing all phases of public improvement projects, including planning, contracting, design, project management, and construction management; providing engineering and construction services; and providing inspection services of private development in the right-of-way.

(“Public Works Department” added 10-24-2017 by O-20864 N.S.; effective 11-23-2017.)

(Retitled from “Public Works Department” to “Engineering and Capital Projects Department” and amended 1-27-2022 by O-21404 N.S.; effective 2-26-2022.)

§ 22.1403 Transportation Department

- (a) The Transportation Department is a City department. The department is responsible for managing the City’s transportation network.
- (b) The Director is the administrative head of the department and is appointed by, and may be removed by, the City Manager. The Director is the appointing authority of all personnel authorized in the department.
- (c) The Transportation Department, under the direction of the City Manager, with policy direction from the City Council, is responsible for performing those duties and functions assigned and directed by the City Manager, including operating and maintaining City assets in the right-of-way, including streets, sidewalks, streetlights, traffic signals, trees, and other vegetation; and planning and coordinating work in the right-of-way, including utility undergrounding.

(“Transportation and Stormwater Department” added 10-24-2017 by O-20864 N.S.; effective 11-23-2017.)

(Retitled from “Transportation and Stormwater Department” to “Transportation Department” and amended 1-27-2022 by O-21404 N.S.; effective 2-26-2022.)

§ 22.1404 Environmental Services Department

- (a) The Environmental Services Department is a City department. The department is responsible for providing residential refuse and recycling collection; pursuing waste reduction; and managing City landfills.
- (b) The Director is the administrative head of the department and is appointed by, and may be removed by, the City Manager. The Director is the appointing authority of all personnel authorized in the department.
- (c) The Environmental Services Department, under the direction of the City Manager, with policy direction from the City Council, is responsible for performing those duties and functions assigned and directed by the City Manager, including refuse and recycling collection services; managing the City’s solid waste franchise system; operating and maintaining active and inactive City landfills; maintaining and monitoring City-owned underground storage tanks; overseeing hazardous materials management at City facilities; collection and proper disposal of household hazardous waste; asbestos, lead and mold inspection and abatement services for City facilities; and code enforcement services for waste-related activities and lead paint hazards.

(“Environmental Services Department” added 10-24-2017 by O-20864 N.S.; effective 11-23-2017.)

(Amended 10-26-2018 by O-21004 N.S.; effective 11-25-2018.)

§22.1405 Stormwater Department

- (a) The Stormwater Department is a City department. The department protects and enhances San Diego's communities through infrastructure that prioritizes clean water and flood management and treats stormwater as a valuable resource that supports public health, the economy, the environment, and our water supply.
- (b) The Director is the administrative head of the department and is appointed by, and may be removed by, the City Manager. The Director is the appointing authority of all personnel in the department.
- (c) The Stormwater Department, under the direction of the City Manager, with policy direction from the City Council, is responsible for performing those duties and functions assigned and directed by the City Manager, including operating and maintaining storm drain structures, storm drain pipes, stormwater pump stations, drainage channels, and stormwater best management practices; protecting and improving the water quality of rivers, creeks, bays, lakes, and the ocean; conducting monitoring, inspection, and enforcement in compliance with the Municipal Stormwater Permit and other applicable state regulations; managing the City's street sweeping program; and reducing flood risk throughout the City.

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