

6144 FEDERAL BLVD., SAN DIEGO — PUBLIC RECORDS FILE

Section 11.70 · United Rentals (North America), Inc. dba Reliable Onsite Services — Sewage Disposal Records

Date	June 26, 2026 (request filed)
Agency	City of San Diego — Stormwater Division (Transportation & Stormwater Department)
Request No.	California Public Records Act Request No. 26-6342
Status	CLOSED
Description	Public Records Act request concerning stormwater / discharge conditions at the United Rentals septage operation at 6144 Federal Blvd. Closed by the City as having no responsive documents.

Summary

This is the City of San Diego's public file for Public Records Act Request No. 26-6342. The request followed a June 23, 2026 site visit by a City stormwater inspector to the area of 6144 Federal Blvd. The City closed the request, stating that it had no responsive documents. According to the file, the only documents in the record are the items the requester submitted — site photographs, a neighbor petition, and a FRAC-tank roof-vent corrosion analysis; no City-generated inspection report, photographs, or correspondence appear in the file. Under the City's NextRequest system, the request auto-publishes 72 hours after closure.

Related records (Section 11.70): City of San Diego Stormwater PRA 26-6563 (stormwater-to-channel request); County DEHQ PRA 26-3709; San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Region 9) production; City Building & Land Use complaint CE-0541944.

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A message was sent to you regarding record request #26-6342:

Greetings:

After a diligent search and reasonable inquiry the Stormwater Department has determined that it has no responsive documents.
Best regards.

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Analysis — What this record shows

City of San Diego Stormwater · Public Records Act Request No. 26-6342

This section explains, in plain terms, what the attached record shows and why it matters. It concerns how a public agency handled the stormwater dimension of the 6144 Federal Blvd. matter. It addresses the conduct of a public agency in responding to public records; it does not allege that any private party has violated the law.

The record in brief

On June 23, 2026, a City of San Diego stormwater inspector met the requester on site and viewed the adjacent United Rentals FRAC tank from the neighboring roof. The inspector noted trash strewn around the tank and did not dispute the odor described. The next day the inspector wrote:

“the information you gave me is outside my scope and I can only go off of what I observed to make any conclusions about the business based on violations of our stormwater municipal code.”

On June 29, the requester narrowed the ask to stormwater terrain: a dry-weather screening of the South Chollas Creek Channel reach adjacent to the yard and an inspection of the nearest catch basins, with bacteria sampling as appropriate. He expressly stated he was not asserting that a discharge had occurred, and attached the City’s own engineering report showing the reach is Clean Water Act §303(d)-impaired, with adopted TMDLs for indicator bacteria and nitrogen — the constituents associated with human waste.

On June 30, the inspector declined:

“Targeted sampling of a specific business would not occur unless there is cause (discharge into the stormwater drainage system) to do so... If you were to observe a discharge from this site into the creek, you can submit a get it done request... Based [on] what I observed on-site, I cannot justify requesting sampling of the area.”

Separately, Public Records Act Request No. 26-6342 sought any written communication the inspector had with United Rentals about the cleanup he observed. The Department closed it: “After a diligent search and reasonable inquiry the Stormwater Department has determined that it has no responsive documents.” The only documents in the file are the requester’s own uploads.

What the City’s stormwater program is charged with

The City is a Copermittee under the San Diego Regional MS4 Permit (Regional Water Quality Control Board Order No. R9-2013-0001). Under Provision E.2 of that permit and the underlying federal rule (40 CFR §122.26(d)(2)(iv)(B)), the City implements an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) program to detect and eliminate non-stormwater and illicit discharges to the storm-drain system. Dry-weather field screening exists precisely to identify discharges that are not caught in the act. Chollas Creek is §303(d)-listed for indicator bacteria with an adopted bacteria TMDL (Water Board Resolution R9-2010-0001), plus the nitrogen impairment noted in the City’s report.

Why it matters

The City’s position has a defensible side: an inspector has discretion over whether to open a targeted investigation, the response was prompt and pointed to a reporting path (the City’s “Get It Done” intake), and if no letter or report was ever written, there are no records to produce.

At the same time, the record leaves several things unresolved. The IDDE duty is not solely complaint-driven — dry-weather screening exists to find discharges before anyone catches one in progress, and the June 29 request was a textbook screening ask: a specific channel reach and the catch basins nearest a human-waste holding operation, next to a §303(d) bacteria/nitrogen-impaired creek. Declining it for lack of an observed discharge places the detection burden on a neighbor, when the permit assigns that duty to the City — and it is circular, because sampling requires an observed discharge but the City declined to look for one. The on-site visit left no documentary footprint: no inspection report, no photographs, and no communication to United Rentals, even though the inspector observed trash (a potential pollutant source) and the odor. And the closing suggestion to contact County Environmental Health or Hazardous Materials points back to agencies that had already declined the matter.

Bottom line

Procedurally, the City responded and had no records because it appears to have created none. Substantively, the question at the center of this record — where the collected waste goes, and whether it could reach an impaired creek or the storm-drain system — remained without a clear agency owner. This is one of several agencies that referred that question elsewhere rather than take it up.

Prepared for public understanding from the attached public records. Statements about statutes, permits, and TMDLs refer to public regulatory sources. Commentary concerns the handling of a public agency; no violation by any private party is alleged.